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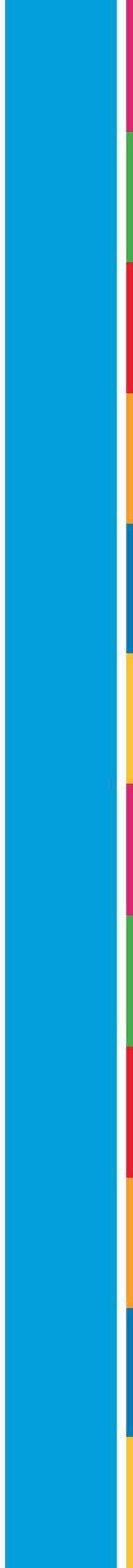
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# Acronyms

<b>ADAFSA</b>	Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority
<b>AYAMI</b>	Arab Region Youth Arts and Music Initiative
<b>CIOP</b>	Comprehensive Information and Orientation Programme
<b>CMS</b>	Convention on Migratory Species
<b>COP 28</b>	28th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC
<b>DGC</b>	Department of Global Communications
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization
<b>FCSC</b>	Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Centre.
<b>GCC</b>	Gulf Cooperation Council
<b>GWU</b>	General Women's Union
<b>IAEA</b>	International Atomic Energy Agency
<b>ICCROM</b>	International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property
<b>IHC</b>	International Humanitarian City
<b>ILO</b>	International Labour Organisation
<b>IOM</b>	International Organization for Migration
<b>MOCCA</b>	Ministry of Climate Change and Environment
<b>MOFAIC</b>	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.
<b>MOHAP</b>	Ministry of Health and Prevention
<b>RC</b>	UN Resident Coordinator
<b>RCO</b>	Office of the UN Resident Coordinator
<b>SCMC</b>	Supreme Council for Motherhood & Childhood
<b>SDG</b>	Sustainable Development Goal
<b>UAE</b>	United Arab Emirates

<b>UN</b> .....	United Nations
<b>UNCT</b> .....	United Nations Country Team
<b>UNCTAD</b> .....	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
<b>UNDP</b> .....	United Nations Development Programme
<b>UNDRR</b> .....	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
<b>UNEP</b> .....	United Nations Environment Programme
<b>UNESCO</b> .....	United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
<b>UNFPA</b> .....	United Nations Population Fund
<b>UNFCCC</b> .....	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
<b>UN-HABITAT</b> .....	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
<b>UNHCR</b> .....	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
<b>UNICRI</b> .....	United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
<b>UNICEF</b> .....	United Nations Children’s Fund
<b>UNMAS</b> .....	United Nations Mine Action Service
<b>UNOCT</b> .....	United Nations Office of Counter Terrorism
<b>UNODC</b> .....	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
<b>UNOPS</b> .....	United Nations Office for Project Services
<b>UNOOSA</b> .....	United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs
<b>UN DPPA</b> .....	United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs
<b>UN ESCWA</b> .....	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
<b>UN OCHA</b> .....	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
<b>WFP</b> .....	World Food Programme
<b>WHO</b> .....	World Health Organization

# Foreword

## The United Nations and the UAE: 50 years of partnership

In 2021, the UAE celebrated 50 years since the federation was established. On this momentous occasion, we paused to reflect on the UN-UAE partnership, its evolution over the past five decades, and how the UN system is working closely with the UAE in building the future the UAE envisions. The UN-UAE partnership contributes to the shared global causes of peace, development, and prosperity for all around the world, leaving no one behind.

The 1970s and 1980s witnessed various UN entities setting up presence in the UAE in support of the State-building process. Examples of these efforts include the population census of 1975, establishment of the National Computer Centre in 1979, creation of a teachers' college in 1982, and assistance to civil aviation systems in 1986. The UN also assisted in core initiatives such as municipal development in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, administrative support to streamline government machinery, and the development of modern fisheries and agricultural practices. This cooperation then expanded, focusing on strategic areas such as information services and e-Government, environmental protection, as well as economic planning and diversification.



*Dr Dena Assaf  
Resident Coordinator for the UAE*

The 1990s witnessed the UN-UAE partnership becoming progressively more globalized, with the UAE's participation in the Unified Task Force (UNITAF) peacekeeping force in Somalia in 1992, the UAE hosting the Habitat II conference on improving the living environment in 1995, and the UAE ratifying a host of international agreements such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1997. By the 2000s, the global orientation of this partnership had significantly intensified, working to accelerate progress toward the Millennium Development Goals in the region and globally, to respond to global needs. In 2003, the World Food Programme (WFP) Humanitarian Response Depot was established in the UAE and has subsequently become a central part of the UN's largest humanitarian hub in the world, serving over 100 million people in 117 countries in 2021.

Today, the UN-UAE partnership has expanded to tackle a variety of global humanitarian and development challenges, ranging from peace and security to biodiversity and other aspects of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with significant results. The UAE is now home to several UN regional and sub-regional offices as well as specialized offices working on initiatives such as the Global Knowledge Index, migratory species, and aviation safety. Furthermore, an increasing number of UN entities are looking at the UAE as a promising hub to advance their work in the region and beyond, on issues such as capacity development, tolerance and dialogue, big data, among others.

A key milestone for 2021, was the UN's physical presence at Expo2020. Home of the UN at Expo2020, the UN Hub was the most visited UN premises in the world in 2021, with over 100,000 visitors throughout Expo2020. From October 2021 – March 2022, the UN Hub featured a dynamic set of programs, celebrating International days and Expo2020 theme weeks, and highlighting the ideas and experiences that unite us, through examples of the UN's impactful work globally, regionally, and locally, towards achieving the SDGs. The UN Hub offered opportunities for visitors of all ages and backgrounds, to learn more about the UN and Agenda 2030 through a variety of exhibitions, films, discussions, interactive activities, and more.

# 2021: A Year in Review

**Expo2020** was the centrepiece of 2021 for the UN in the UAE, tying together the broader UN system around the world to engage in the first ever World Expo in the Middle East and North Africa region, with the SDGs underpinning the overall theme of “Connecting Minds and Creating the Future”. It was also the first Expo to have a **dedicated and multifunctional UN Hub** as a convening space and platform for the UN system. In 2021 the UN in UAE also welcomed high-level visits by the global leadership of the UN system to visit Expo2020, showcasing the uniquely globally oriented partnership between the UN and the UAE.

Through the UN Hub, the UN curated 19 exhibits, hosted more than 69 panel discussions, and featured more than 180 UN related films and campaigns connected to sustainable development. 45 UN entities participated.

The UN Hub at Expo also became **the most visited United Nations location in 2021, with over 100,000 visitors by the end of Expo2020.**



Officials from MOFAIC visiting the Exhibit: UN-UAE: 50 years of cooperation, at the UN Hub in Expo, December 2021. Photo: UN RCO UAE

The UN’s humanitarian presence in the UAE has become a core operational capacity for global humanitarian response operations. In 2021, through the International Humanitarian City (IHC), the UN in the UAE **fulfilled 545 emergency requests supporting 117 countries with over 1,000 shipments, ranging from Venezuela to the Philippines.** This included emergency requests to support Lebanon following the Beirut blast, Haiti following the earthquake, West Africa due to severe outbreaks of cholera, as well as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Sudan, and Yemen, among others.

These emergency responses build on the **exceptional partnership between the UN system and the IHC** in Dubai, allowing for the further positioning of the UAE as a global hub in support of key UN logistics and operations around the world.



Over 11.8 million tons of medical, humanitarian, and other supplies were delivered to 117 countries in 2021. Graphic: International Humanitarian City

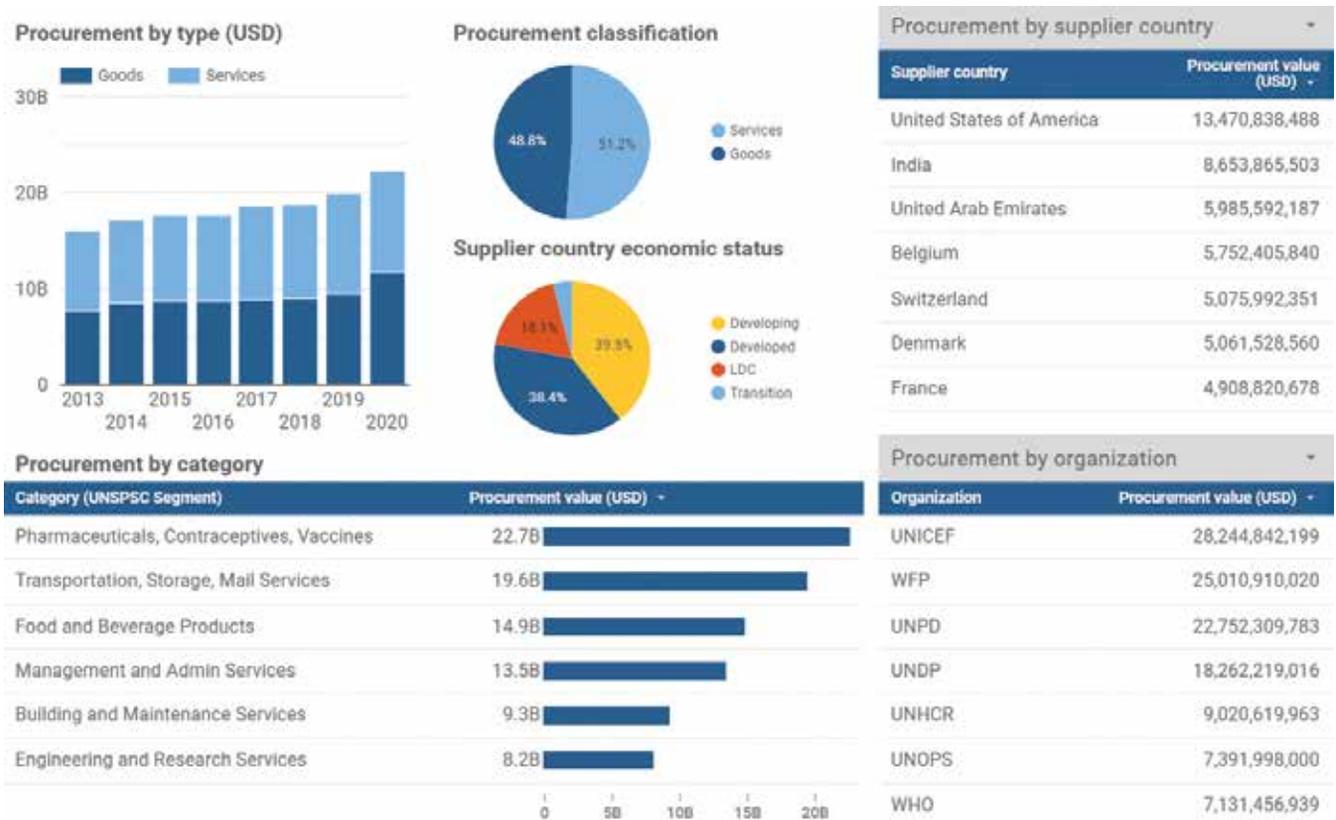
**Public interest in the UN’s work in the UAE** also increased significantly in 2021, which accompanied in the election of the UAE to the United Nations Security Council in June 2021 (for a term commencing on 1 January 2022). The UN



Webinar on Careers in the United Nations, organized jointly with the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy, June 2021

in the UAE organized several recruitment drives to encourage Emiratis to explore careers as International Civil Servants as university students, young professionals, or as mid-career level officials. This outreach was accompanied by a growing number of vacancies in the UN system in the UAE targeting **Emirati nationals to launch their careers in the UN.**

In 2021, the UAE has been listed as the **third largest supplier to the United Nations System worldwide**, following the United States and India. Cumulative procurement contracts from UAE-based suppliers exceeded US\$6 billion between 2013 and 2021, with the biggest item being fuel, lubricants, and other supplies in support of United Nations Peace Operations across the Middle East and Africa. This was followed by the procurement of foodstuff for humanitarian operations, as well as a growing percentage of value-added services such as in management and administration.



The UN's increasing footprint in the UAE includes significant procurement in support of United Nations humanitarian, health, peacekeeping, operational, and other operations at a global scale. Graphic: UN Global Marketplace

Source: United Nations Global Marketplace – Procurement Overview



## Strategic Communications & Advocacy

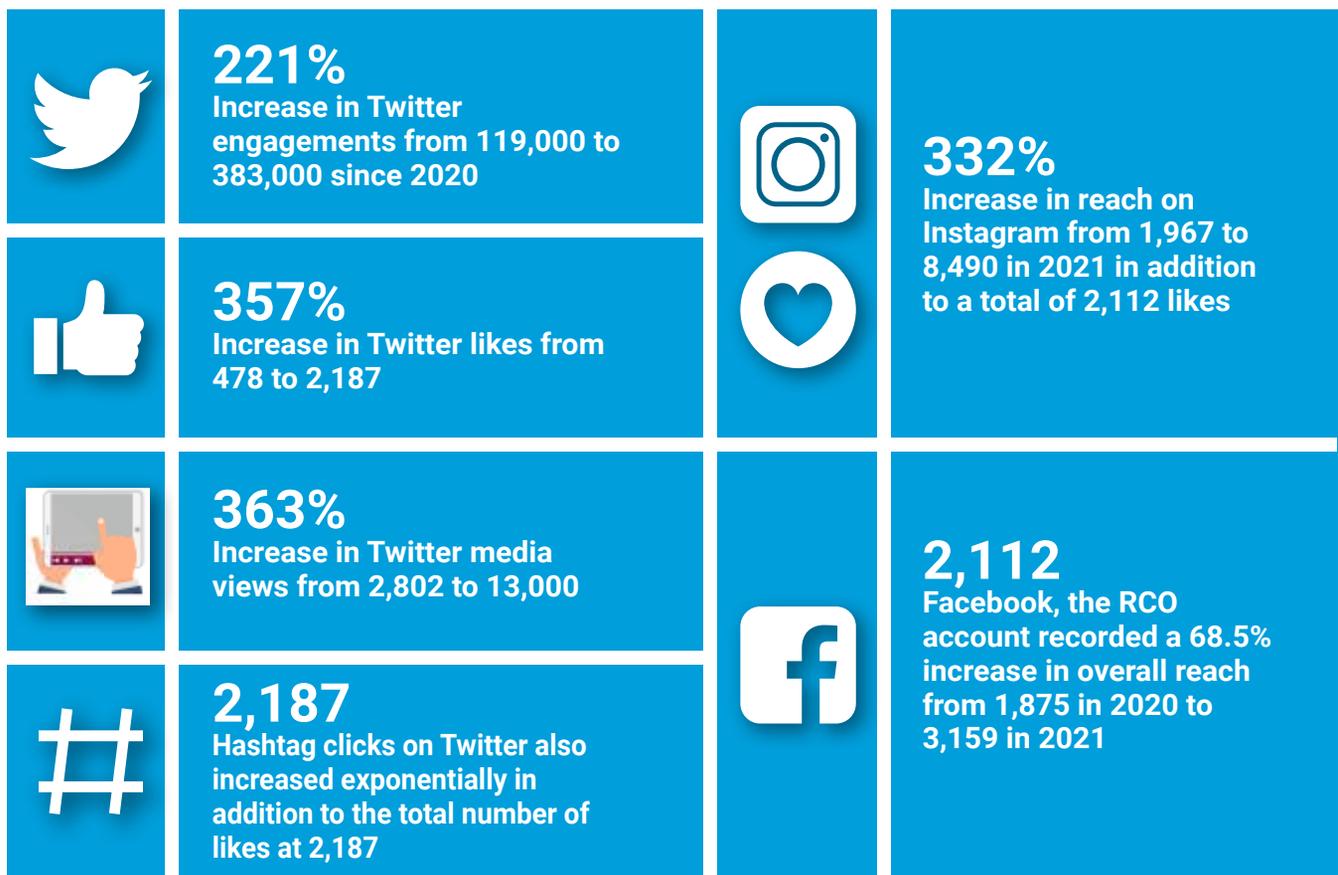
Central to the UN in the UAE's communications strategy for 2021 has been a coordinated public engagement on the UN's relationship with the UAE, leveraging the Golden Jubilee celebrations and UN Day activities as opportunities for convening and prompting public conversations on important issues surrounding the sustainable development agenda. The strategic communication for the UN in UAE is also aligned with the global communications strategy for the UN, such as supporting the global agenda during international days recognized by the UN and shedding light on world issues or other emerging matters.

- The RCO social media accounts in 2021 recorded an increased visibility across social media platforms.
- English and Arabic interactive content amplified the work of the UN in UAE and various initiatives from the UN agencies.

- A dedicated hashtag measured reach and solidified our collective presence: #UNinUAE
- Key demographic: 18-34 age group & gender balance (59% women & 41% men)
- UN in UAE Twitter account became verified during 2021.

The UN in UAE Twitter account recorded a 221% increase in engagements from 119,000 to 383,000 since 2020. Additionally, the account recorded an increase in likes from 478 to 2,187 (357%) and increase in media views from 2,802 to 13,000 (363%). The hashtag clicks also increased exponentially in addition to the total number of likes at 2,187.

On Instagram, the RCO account recorded a 332% increase in reach from 1,967 to 8,490 in 2021 in addition to a total of 2,112 likes. On Facebook, the RCO account recorded a 68.5% increase in overall reach from 1,875 in 2020 to 3,159 in 2021.



## Media and Branding

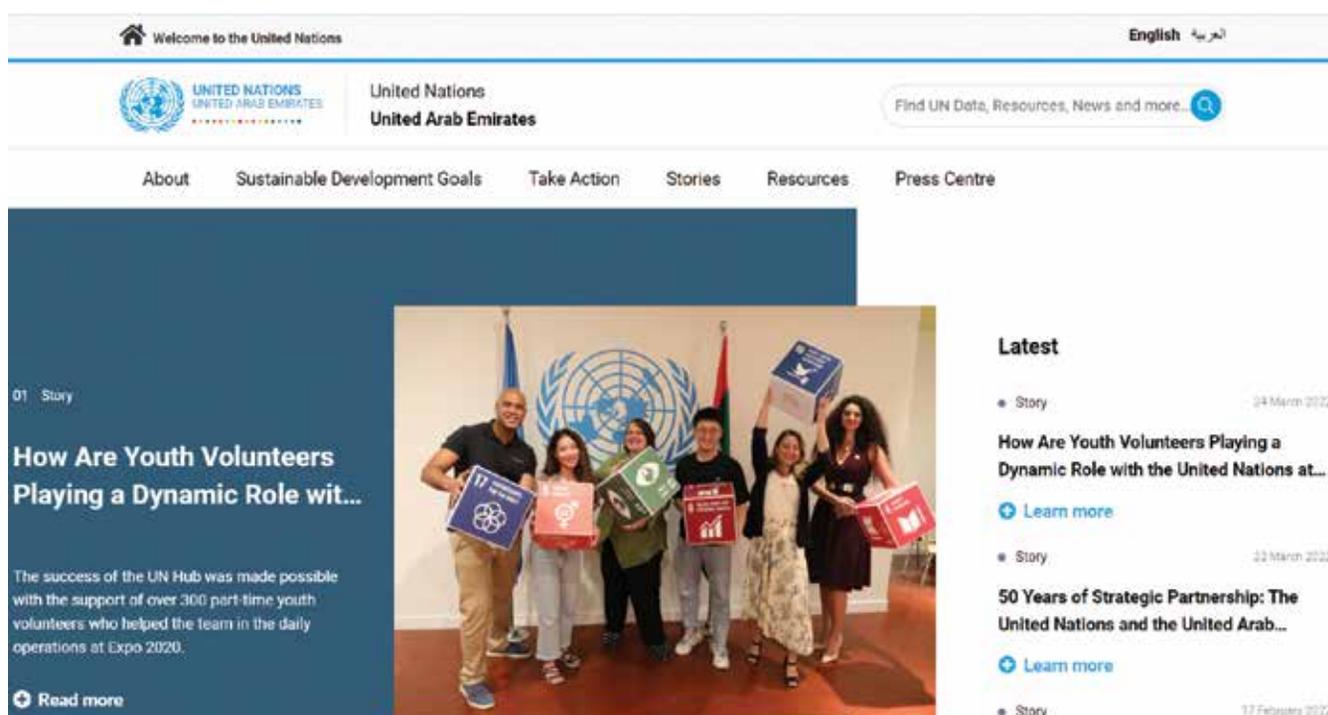
The RCO has provided media support to various UN agencies in support of humanitarian campaigns and outreach efforts, through local and regional multimedia outlets (press, TV, radio), as well as leveraging the UN global channels, with one example being the December 2021 podcast by UN News titled “PODCAST: COVID-19 forces relief rethink at world’s largest humanitarian hub”. The UN Resident Coordinator and UN Entities working in the UAE have also publicly pronounced support of key national initiatives by the UAE government, including through inputs and quotes, participating on panels and engaging with media directly.

The UN in UAE recognizes the opportunity of building on media relationships to amplify the work of the UN while also shedding light on critical social issues. The UN in the UAE has also led advocacy activities and merchandise for the SDGs, for example SDG card sets, SDG pins and SDG lanyards, to engage with the public and raise awareness on the Global Goals agenda. Several

UN agencies have also come together through the UN Communications Group, in support of joint campaigns and participation in events held in the UAE, under the UN branding guidelines, with the notable success of the UN participation in the Dubai International Humanitarian Aid and Development Conference and Exhibition (DIHAD) held in Dubai in March 2021, and subsequently Expo2020.

## United Nations UAE Website

In 2021, the RCO launched the English and Arabic versions of the dedicated UN in UAE website. At an important moment, this served as a critical visibility and outreach tool to which the UN in the UAE contributed by sharing stories that underscore the diversity of operations and initiatives they undertake. Some of the highlights this year beyond events and engagements at Expo2020, have included stories on COVID-19 humanitarian relief, the role of youth in online volunteering and partnerships engagements with national counterparts to strengthen international cooperation.



United Nations in UAE Website, [unitedarabemirates.un.org](http://unitedarabemirates.un.org), 2021

# Peace



The United Nations works with the UAE to reinforce peace and security foundations around the world, through a series of initiatives that intend to address root causes of insecurity, provide life-saving humanitarian needs, and promote international cooperation on rule of law and strong institutions.

## International Peace and Security

- The **UAE was elected to the UN's Security Council** as a non-permanent member in June 2021 for a two-year term (commencing 1 January 2022). The UAE identified seven priorities for its Security Council membership, including promoting tolerance diplomacy; humanitarian aid and future preparedness; and addressing the security impacts of climate change. The UAE also committed to promoting a more results-oriented multilateralism and mobilized its entrepreneurial and pragmatic approach to address global challenges.
- In September 2021, the UAE spearheaded efforts to launch a new **Partnership for Renewable Energy in UN Peacekeeping**. The initiative aims to transition UN peacekeeping to renewable energy. The UAE's support for this endeavour comes with the UN's procurement of over US\$100 million annually of fuel products for peacekeeping operations from UAE-based suppliers, emphasizing that renewable energy will deliver a positive legacy for host communities as well as contribute to lowering global carbon emissions.
- In May 2021, the UAE provided a three-year grant of US\$800,000 to the UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (UN DPPA), to **improve inclusiveness in UN-facilitated peace processes**. This will support women's empowerment to participate in UN-assisted peace processes and amplify the voices of excluded groups.



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"New technologies for inclusive peace." That's the topic of today's panel discussion organised by @UNDPPA. You can follow the discussion online or pass by the #UNHub @expo2020dubai

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CAMPUS GERMANY and 2 others

Photo: UN in UAE Twitter account

- In March 2021, the UAE launched its **first National Action Plan to implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security**. The action plan includes a series of policy and programmatic interventions intending to promote gender equality in peace operations, humanitarian action, diplomacy and tolerance, and prevent and countering violent extremism.
- In 2021, the UAE pledged **an additional US\$10 million to train 200 women peacekeepers from 25 countries**, under the Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak Women Peace and Security Initiative implemented in partnership with UN Women since 2017. Furthermore, the UAE pledged to provide further logistical and material support to address the needs of graduating women peacekeepers to

ensure their deployment and contribution to peace-building objectives.

- The Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy organized a **virtual tour of the United Nations Headquarters and the Security Council** in New York in June 2021. The tour also included one-on-one briefing sessions with officials from the UN DPPA focusing on the inner workings of the UN's Peace and Security apparatus and the nature of inter-governmental negotiations and diplomacy on the global stage.

- In January 2021, UAE-based Intertech FZC won a contract with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) for the supply of **drones for the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)** in Iraq. The drones were supplied under licence from Falcon Eye Drones - UAE, to be used for aerial surveys and support detection and operational planning for mine and unexploded ordnance clearance operations in Iraq.

## Governance and Rule of Law

- The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) have signed a three-year strategic partnership agreement to support the implementation of the Abu Dhabi Declaration on **enhancing collaboration to more effectively prevent and fight corruption**. The UAE provided a US\$5.4 million grant to strengthen oversight and cooperation between Supreme Audit Institutions and Anti-corruption bodies.
- Senior UN officials from UNODC, the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), and UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (UNCTED) organized a joint workshop in November 2021 in Dubai to exchange views on challenges and **best practices in the area of preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism** as well as supporting rule of law. The discussions revolved around comprehensive and tailored strategies for prosecution, rehabilitation, and reintegration.
- Ms Ghada Wali, the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna and Executive Director of UNODC visited the UAE in November 2021 to attend the **graduation of the UAE Ministry of Interior officers** who took part in an Expert-level Training of Trainers Programme organized by UNODC in the areas of combating crime, drugs and sustainable development.



*H.H. Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, meeting with Ms Ghada Waly during the officers' graduation ceremony in November. Photo: WAM*

- Over 250 International law enforcement representatives and experts from more than 60 countries joined the stakeholder meeting of the **Artificial Intelligence for Safer Children Initiative**, co-chaired by the UAE Ministry of Interior and the UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI). The initiative also organized a series of consultations and other endeavours on cutting-edge research and practical solutions to support law enforcement to find evidence and prevent online exploitation of children.

## Humanitarian Action

- In 2021, the UAE provided **US\$261 million in financial contributions to support humanitarian operations** in 40 countries in Africa, Asia and Europe through the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Financial Tracking System that coordinated humanitarian response plans around the world. This included a US\$230 million contribution to the Yemen Famine Relief Fund.
- In January 2021, the **UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and DP World partnered to support the global distribution of COVID-19 vaccines** and associated supplies in support of the COVAX operation. This partnership resulted in the shipment of more than 14.5 million syringes to more than 30 countries for utilization by the Serum Institute of India/AstraZeneca and the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines.



Dubai has become a key global hub supporting the global COVAX operation, at the heart of global pandemic response operations. Photo: UNICEF

- **UNICEF expanded capacity in Dubai and Copenhagen** to stockpile half a billion syringes in preparation for the broader rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in 82 low- and lower-middle-income countries. UNICEF is already the world's largest vaccine provider, procuring over 2 billion vaccines annually for children around the world.
- The **World Health Organization (WHO) logistics hub has expanded nearly 10-fold** to 20,000 square meters during 2021, including cold chain storage for vaccines. The WHO hub supported 96 countries with over US\$102 million worth of health and humanitarian relief items. Health supplies now account for more than 50% of the value of all goods held at the IHC.

- The UAE Government made an **in-kind donation of US\$50 million in support of COVAX**. This includes a donation of 1 million doses of the UAE-produced Hayat Vax, as well as ancillary supplies (ultra-cold freezers, syringes, cold boxes, PPE etc.) to countries in need.
- The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) marked **World Refugee Day** in June 2021 through a joint video message with the IHC and marked the **World Humanitarian Day** in August 2021 through a panel discussion on COVID-19 and Climate Change in the eyes of refugees.
- UNHCR and UAE's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation signed **US\$ 2 million agreement as part of UAE's pledge at the International Conference on Venezuela in 2020**, in support of the Venezuela situation in Colombia to carry out women empowerment initiatives and provide critical protection assistance, particularly to women, children and youth, and survivors of gender-based violence (GBV).



Jozef Merx, UNHCR Representative in Colombia, and H.E. Salem Rashid Al Owais, UAE Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, in the presence of H.E. Marta Lucia Ramirez, Vice President and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia. Photo: UNHCR

- **UNHCR's Refugee Zakat fund received over 3,500 zakat donations in 2021 worth just under US\$3 million** from UAE residents to help refugees and displaced persons around the world. The Fund is an innovative approach established by UNHCR's team in the UAE, where 100% of received zakat funds are channeled to end beneficiaries.

## In Focus: Humanitarian Diplomacy

The UN system works closely with UAE counterparts to strengthen the effect of the UAE's humanitarian diplomacy around the world, to allow for more strategic, robust, and impactful support to affected communities.

The UAE hosts the UN's largest humanitarian partnership, with significant capabilities and expertise located in-country. Senior UN officials and

experts engage with UAE counterparts to strengthen humanitarian diplomatic engagement and support through a variety of instruments, including publicizing the UAE's role in global humanitarian response, and sharing expertise and best practices.



The President of the UN General Assembly Abdullah Shahid during his tour at the International Humanitarian City in Dubai. October 2021.



Reversing the growing trend of increasing humanitarian needs is a key issue facing humanitarian action. WFP as the biggest UN humanitarian entity providing life-saving support to 100 million persons around the world organized a series of engagements with affiliates of the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy on how to mobilize UAE diplomacy to reverse global hunger trends and to work with the UN system not only to respond to today's crises but to prevent the crises of tomorrow through new, revised, and innovative comprehensive solutions across the humanitarian-development-prevention nexus.

# People



The United Nations works to advance inclusive social development and wellbeing for all, leaving no one behind. In the UAE, the UN works with a variety of partners to address specific population and development challenges in health, education, gender equality, migration, urbanization, and people of determination.

## Population and Wellbeing

- UNICEF appointed its **first National Ambassador for the UAE, Mr Majid Al-USaimi**, recognizing his work and contributions on inclusion. Mr Al-USaimi committed to use sports to empower children and youth of determination and promote social inclusion through his role. UNICEF also appointed its **first UAE Youth Advocate, Mr Saeed Al Mutaiwee**, member of the UAE Children's Parliament.
- The UN Human Settlement Programme (UN Habitat), the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UNICEF, the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), and WHO are working with their respective counterparts in the Emirate of Sharjah to promote **healthy, child-friendly, and quality living conditions for all**. Sharjah is the first city in the MENA region to adopt the nine standards for healthy cities and is also a candidate for UNESCO's Global Network of Learning Cities.
- UNICEF supported the global education summit RewirEd in December 2021, with an emphasis on curbing the **pandemic's impact on children's learning**. It also explored reimagining what education looks like for the world's children post pandemic.
- **UNHCR celebrated the contributions of HH Sheikha Jawaher Al Qasimi** and renewed her UNHCR Eminent Advocate Title. **HH Sheikha Jawaher Al Qasimi, Wife of the Ruler of Sharjah** was the first to hold the Eminent Advocate title and has mobilized support for a wide range of UNHCR



Children in Sharjah designing their vision of a "city of the future" using Minecraft. Photo: UN-Habitat

initiatives, spanning support for a wide range of initiatives, focusing on education, women's empowerment, and health, with a total financial support of some US\$27 million through her personal capacity and through The Big Heart Foundation.

- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) engaged in the Abu Dhabi Dialogue to support operationalizing systematic orientation for migrant workers, with the goal of **increasing migrants' knowledge and the utilization of support, protection, and welfare services**. This support falls under the Comprehensive Information and Orientation Programme (CIOP), as well as facilitating bilateral and inter-regional cooperation between migrant countries of origin and destination.

- UNICEF, UN Habitat, and the Sharjah Urban Planning Council, and other partners launched the **Sharjah Principles for Child-Friendly Urban Planning** on the occasion of World Cities Day on 31 October 2021. The principles carry a dual focus on sustainable urbanization and commitment to child-centric urban and inclusive spaces that create a global model to be followed.
- UNFPA and the Friends of Cancer Patients UAE organized the second regional cervical cancer forum **to raise awareness on cervical cancer risks** in the Arab region, through awareness raising for early detection and

knowledge sharing on reproductive health. The forum produced the second edition of the Sharjah Declaration on Cervical Cancer to accelerate progress towards tracking the progress of HPV vaccine implementation and cervical cancer elimination.

- Based on the initiative of the UAE, the WHO World Health Assembly have adopted **30 January to be World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day**, to raise awareness on the debilitating impact of around 20 preventable and treatable diseases, such as Dengue, Leprosy, and Trachoma, that affect more than a billion persons, particularly in poor and marginalized areas.

## Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

- In her statement to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) committee discussion on the UAE's national report in February 2021, UN Resident Coordinator Dr Dena Assaf applauded the UAE's recent legal reforms to **improve the status of women in the UAE**, including laws on domestic violence, equality in pay, the national action plan on Women, Peace, and Security; and other legal and policy measures.
- The UN Global Compact, UN Women, and partners organized several activities on **Women in Business**. These included improving women's representation in corporate boards and senior management levels and promote women entrepreneurship in various sectors.
- UN Women and the NAMA Women Advancement Establishment **surveyed over 1,000 women in the UAE to explore attitudes on enterprise development** prospects post-pandemic. The survey highlighted the gendered impact of the COVID-19 crisis and what is needed to facilitate the **revival of women-led businesses after the pandemic** in the UAE. The findings included financial challenges, marketing barriers, and re-training needs.

- The UN in the UAE and partners marked the 16 days of activism with the **Orange the World: End Violence against Women Now** campaign, bringing attention to inequalities perpetuated by violence against women. Landmarks across the UAE illuminated in orange as a part of the campaign, including the Al Wasl dome in the centre of Expo2020, the Burj Khalifa, ADNOC building, Dubai Frame, and the General Women's Union, among many others.



*Dubai Frame lit up for the Orange the World: End Violence Against Women Now campaign. Photo: UN Women*

- In partnership with the Fatima Bint Mohamed Bin Zayed Initiative, UNHCR organized a charity auction of handmade Zuleya Afghan carpets to raise funds in support of the Afghanistan Winterization Program, which provides winter relief items to support displaced families in Afghanistan.
- UNHCR kicked-off of its “Aiming Higher” fundraising campaign in the UAE on

International Women’s Day. The campaign was launched **in collaboration with several women leaders in the UAE to raise funds for refugees’ higher education**. This campaign aims at ensuring that 15% of young refugees have access to higher education by the year 2030, through the provision of technical and vocational training, traditional degrees and diplomas, national inclusion, and educational pathways, as well as scholarships.

## Children and Youth

- UNICEF is working with the Supreme Council for Motherhood & Childhood to support policies relating to **child development, well-being, and protection**. Specifically, UNICEF has been supporting the development of tools and resources for mental health, working closely with educators and social service providers given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on children’s mental health and wellbeing.
- UNICEF and partners initiated new areas of work to undertake a **situational analysis of children in the UAE**, working with several government and academic partners. This analysis will inform the development of the new UAE Motherhood and Childhood Strategy, as well as the work of multiple UN agencies in the UAE, such as child development in urban settings, health, migration status, and online safety.
- UNICEF is also supporting the **review of the UAE Motherhood and Childhood Strategy**

(2017-2021) and the **strategy on Children of Determination** and the development of a new strategy. Working towards its commitment of developing a national action plan as a pathfinding country for ending Violence against Children.



*H.E. Saeed Al-Nazari, Director of the General Youth Authority, reflecting with UN staff on youth empowerment experiences across the region. Photo: UN RCO UAE*



A significant part of the United Nations engagement in the UAE focuses on globally oriented commitments for strengthening food and water security and nutrition through a comprehensive food systems approach that safeguards the planet for future generations.

## Food Systems and Water

- The UAE and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) organized a National Food Systems Summit Dialogue on the theme of “**Special Zones for Modern Farming and Access to Technology**”. The dialogue, part of the national preparations for the Food Systems Summit was held on 8 July 2021 in a virtual format. FAO supported the formulation of the UAE national pathways for food systems transformation.
- FAO’s food safety project **assessment and strategic analysis** has finalized a project focusing on **food control system in Abu Dhabi**. Facilitated by FAO, the project supported food and agriculture transformation and enhanced food security and nutrition. The project provided technical assistance in building a baseline using internationally accepted best practices as well as outlined a roadmap for government investments in the food systems and evolving food control challenges.
- The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and FAO convened a virtual dialogue on **Preventing Food Waste: Innovations and Solutions**, discussing regional experiences in preventing and managing food waste considering the impact on pandemics. The dialogue also focused on reducing food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses, and halving per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels.



*A Letter of Intent was signed by the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, Ministry of Health and Prevention, Emirates Nature-WWF, and FAO to promote healthy diets from sustainable food systems.  
Photo: FAO*

- In August 2021, FAO launched a project for **Transforming the Livestock Sector for Food Security and Nutrition** in the country. The UAE-funded project plans to develop a comprehensive strategy for sustainable development of livestock sector through technologies, institutions, policies, tools, and good practices. The project also includes a component to

support veterinary quarantine systems, and control and eradication of priority animal diseases and zoonosis.

- On **World Food Safety Day** held on 7 June 2021, FAO participated in the **Food Safety Forum** organized by the Dubai Municipality. FAO also participated in the 15th Dubai International Food Safety Conference held between 18-23 November 2021 organized by the Dubai Municipality at Expo2020 through interventions on different topics, including **Agri-food systems, food safety and food loss and waste**.
- FAO organized a technical meeting in October 2021 for the development of **integrated biosecurity assessment and monitoring tools** for food and agriculture sectors. FAO has, at the global level, also approved an inter-regional technical cooperation programme for the prevention of potential pandemics through strengthening the implementation of biosecurity improvement for emerging transboundary threats on food and agriculture sectors for member countries.
- In September 2021, FAO and the Ministry of Climate Change and the Environment (MOCCA) have organized a joint training workshop on **Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics**. This workshop strengthened capacities for a more accurate and effective reporting of fisheries stocks and aquaculture statistics to inform policy and practical measures on fisheries development. This is a critical area for the sustainable usage of water and fisheries resources in the UAE.
- A collaboration agreement was signed between FAO and the Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority to develop a **master plan for sustainable agriculture** and assessment tools to monitor biosecurity in food and

agricultural sectors in the Emirate. The agreement supports efforts to increase local food production by boosting efficiency gains, and sustainability in resource management, and improve access to competitive markets.

- A Letter of Intent to promote the UAE's "**Food for Life**" campaign was signed on the occasion of the World Food Day in October 2021 at Expo Dubai between FAO, Emirates Nature-WWF, the MOCCA, and the Ministry of Health and Prevention (MOHAP). The last quarter of the year was dedicated to the planning phase of the campaign, and FAO will contribute by providing technical assistance and advice, as well knowledge sharing
- FAO supported the UAE, through a joint project with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in developing a **joint agenda for research, technology and innovation** to enable food security in both countries.
- In December 2021, FAO signed an agreement with the MOCCA and the Khalifa Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology to **control, manage and eradicate the red palm weevil**. This agreement intends to strengthen efforts on safeguarding the date palm subsector and improve incomes and livelihoods of date palm producers in the UAE and the region.
- UN-Water has developed a **water profile for the UAE** that considers 12 areas of relevance, ranging from water stress, quality, management, and waste among others. The profile feeds into the global monitoring on progress on SDG 6, as well as informs efforts to improve water utilization and use in the UAE. FAO also **updated the UAE water profile on Aquastat** to account for recent innovations in the utilization of reclaimed wastewater, which were also discussed at the 5th Arab Water Conference held in Dubai in September 2021.

## Climate Action

- The UAE was selected as the host country for the **28th United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP 28)**, which will be held in November 2023. This recognizes the UAE's global leadership on climate action, including as the region's first country to declare a NetZero commitment by 2050.



*The UAE Net Zero by 2050 strategic initiative is a national drive to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, making the Emirates the first MENA nation to do so. Photo: Twitter*

- UNEP undertook a **Comprehensive Environmental Sustainability Analysis** for the UAE, highlighting the environmental challenges faced by the country and the priority areas that need to be addressed. The analysis also included scenarios for reducing the UAE's Green House Emissions in line with its NetZero target by 2050.
- The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), UNEP, and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) supported a series of **capacity development workshops on climate adaptation** under the Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative. The workshops discuss strategies to support scaling up adaptation initiatives, financing adaptation, and measures for adaptation reach and impact across the region.
- In March 2021, the UNFCCC Regional Resource Center in Dubai organized an international workshop on **best practices on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) update and implementation**, with 120 participants from 30 countries as well as representatives from 12 development partners and international finance institutions. The workshop facilitated exchanging experiences ahead of the COP 26 summit in Glasgow.
- The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) organized a High-Level Dialogue on International Cooperation to **Scaleup Financing for Disaster Risk Reduction: Build Back Better**. This dialogue highlighted the importance of financing risk mitigation measures, where every US\$1 invested in risk reduction saves up to US\$15 in post-disaster recovery.
- UNEP, the Abu Dhabi Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi, and other partners launched the **Tide Turners Plastic Challenge for Youth** in April 2021, to educate students about single-use plastics and invites them to take part in tackling this issue to become future environmental champions. The challenge targeted 1,000 students in schools providing opportunities for three levels of engagement. Twenty winners were celebrated on World Sea Turtles Day held on 16 June 2021.
- UNFCCC, ESCWA, and UNEP in October 2021 organized the regional dialogue and engagement on climate action and the **Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) for the Paris Agreement**. The ETF is central for reporting progress on the NDCs targets and goals, which supersedes disclosure of information requirements under the UNFCCC.

## Biodiversity

- Azraq Marine Conservation Organization was accredited to the UN Environment Assembly, UNEP's general assembly** in April 2021. It is the third UAE-based organization to be accredited, joining the Emirates Environment Group and the Emirates Diving Association. Azraq focuses on safeguarding and protecting the oceanic ecosystem and supports a range of initiatives to tackle marine pollution, protect marine life, and expand scientific knowledge about the oceans.
- UNEP's Center for Migratory Species (CMS), Abu Dhabi based regional office received €5 million in **additional funding from the German Government to support the implementation of the CMS Dugong memorandum of understanding** in Managing Seagrass Ecosystem Services in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Timor-Leste. This recognizes the center's expertise in the Arabian Gulf region as well as the enhanced capacity to support the implementation of both the Dugongs and the Raptors memoranda of understanding.
- In partnership with Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi and the German Government's International Climate Initiative, CMS's Abu Dhabi regional office **launched the Dugong and Seagrass Hub** as a communal platform for dugong and seagrass conservationists to collate and share information, resources, best practice and lessons learned working to conserve seagrass ecosystems in dugong range states. [www.dugongseagrass.org](http://www.dugongseagrass.org)
- In preparation for COP 26 held between 31 October- 12 November 2021, the UN in the UAE, the UK and EU co-hosted a webinar to mark **World Oceans Day and World Environment Day** on June 2021 with a webinar on Ocean Biodiversity and Climate Change. The event increased visibility for the UAE's efforts in ecosystem restoration and associated areas and highlighted opportunities for international cooperation

**AGENDA**

**Introductory Remarks**

 <b>H.E. Dr Dena Assaf</b> United Nations Resident Coordinator for the United Arab Emirates	 <b>H.E. Andrea Matteo Fontana</b> Ambassador of the European Union to the United Arab Emirates
 <b>H.E. Patrick Moody</b> Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the United Arab Emirates	 <b>Reem Nasser Al-Otaiba</b> Abu Dhabi Youth Council Member

**Keynote Speakers**

 <b>H.E. Dr Abdullah bin Mohammed Behalf Al Nuaimi</b> UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment	 <b>H.E. Franz-Michael Skjold Melbin</b> Ambassador of Denmark to the United Arab Emirates and Qatar and Denmark's Permanent Representative to UNEP
 <b>H.E. Peter Thomson</b> UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean	 <b>H.E. Janet Rogan</b> COP26 Regional Ambassador for Middle East, North Africa and sub-Saharan Africa (MENA)

**Panel Discussion**

 <b>Hana Al Hashimi (Moderator)</b> Head of the Office of the UAE Special Envoy for Climate Change	 <b>Dr Will Le Queene</b> Principal Scientist, UK Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture (CEFAS)
 <b>Isabelle Violon</b> European Union Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	 <b>David Ramos Alvarez</b> Senior Manager, Sustainability, HBC
 <b>Dino Francescucci</b> Sub-Regional Coordinator and UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Representative in the UAE	 <b>Marina Antonopoulou</b> Associate Director, Biodiversity Conservation at Emirates Nature-WWF

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High-level webinar on ecosystem restoration to mark World Environment Day 2021. Photo: UN RCO UAE

under initiatives such as 30 by 30 that aims to protect 30% of the global marine environment by 2030.

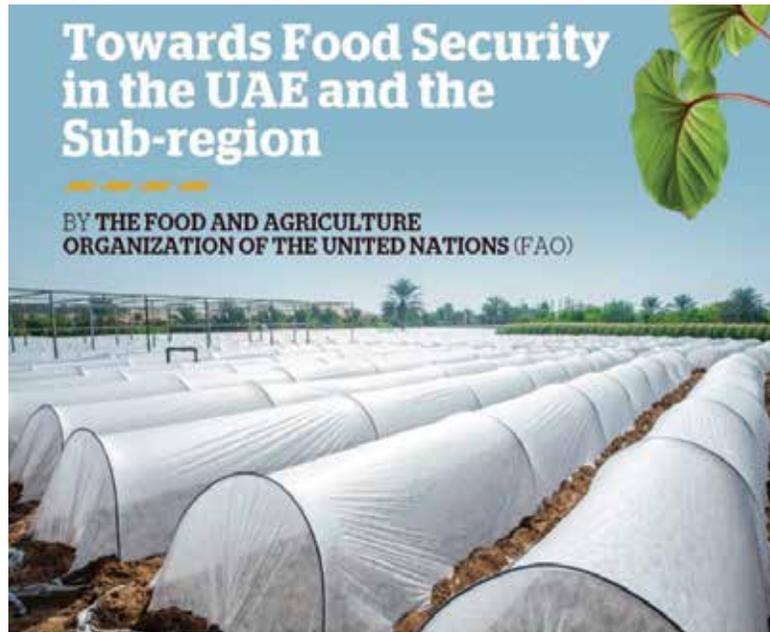
- The **Dugong and Seagrass Research Toolkit was recognized among the top 25 innovations** of 2021 by the Mohammed Bin Rashid Centre for Government Innovation. The toolkit is a key scientific instrument to support Dugong range states to implement their obligations under the CMS Dugong memorandum of understanding. The toolkit is a joint initiative between Environment Agency Abu Dhabi, the UNEP-CMS the Convention on Migratory Species' Office in Abu Dhabi, and Total Energy company.

## In Focus: Saving the Planet, Feeding the People

Current global food production and agricultural systems are centred around economic benefits by producing significant quantities of specific types of foods at accessible prices. However, these systems are the biggest cause of biodiversity loss, deforestation, water pollution, and crowding out wildlife. Agriculture is also the world's second biggest emitter of greenhouse gases, second to fossil fuels, and a major contributor to climate change.

The UN is working closely with UAE counterparts to develop comprehensive solutions to this dual challenge, with focus on innovation and climate-friendly agriculture, and efficient food systems that are also uniquely responsive to the environmental challenges of the UAE.

Since 2018, FAO has been promoting scientific knowledge on fisheries and aquaculture among UAE-based partners, showcasing both the economic benefits as well as the reduced environmental cost within a broader food systems



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FAO's contribution to the 2021 State of Green Economy Report, highlighting the economic opportunities for climate-friendly agriculture, especially for the UAE and the region.



Below: Joint UNEP-FAO Arabic language campaign to raise awareness on food waste in the Arab region under the hashtag #اوقفوا الهدر.

approach. An ongoing flagship is the Blue Transformation, which refers to a series of actions to improve the contributions of aquaculture to food security, green economic growth, safeguarding artisanal fishing viability, and reducing agriculture-related environmental spillover notwithstanding climatic challenges and associated risks.

# Prosperity



The United Nations system works with the UAE government and other partners to accelerate inclusive social development as a key premise for development policy, while expanding collaboration on technology and innovation as key strategic enablers for sustainable development.

## Development Policy

- ESCWA has been working with the SDG Team in the UAE Federal Competitiveness & Statistics Center (FCSC) to **improve data quality and availability of indicators to track progress on the SDGs**. As a result of this engagement, available data in the FCSC SDG dataset increased from 125 observations and 19 SDG indicators in June to 2,827 observations and 92 SDG indicators by August 2021. This marked a 384% increase in data availability for SDG indicators, through capitalizing on statistics already compiled by UAE entities.
- The UAE Inter-Agency Working Group on Migration has initiated a **research agenda on migration and development issues in the UAE** and produced two policy briefs on the UAE's approach to migration inclusion in the pandemic health response, as well as the withholding of migrant workers' wages. Ongoing research endeavours include attracting talent, human capital development, and leveraging technology for migrants' welfare.
- Fulfilling its commitment in General Assembly Resolution 74/198 (2019), the UAE hosted the **World Conference on Creative Economy** in December 2021 with wide UN participation, including by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), UNESCO, and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Some 3,000 in-person and virtual participants, and 160 speakers took part in

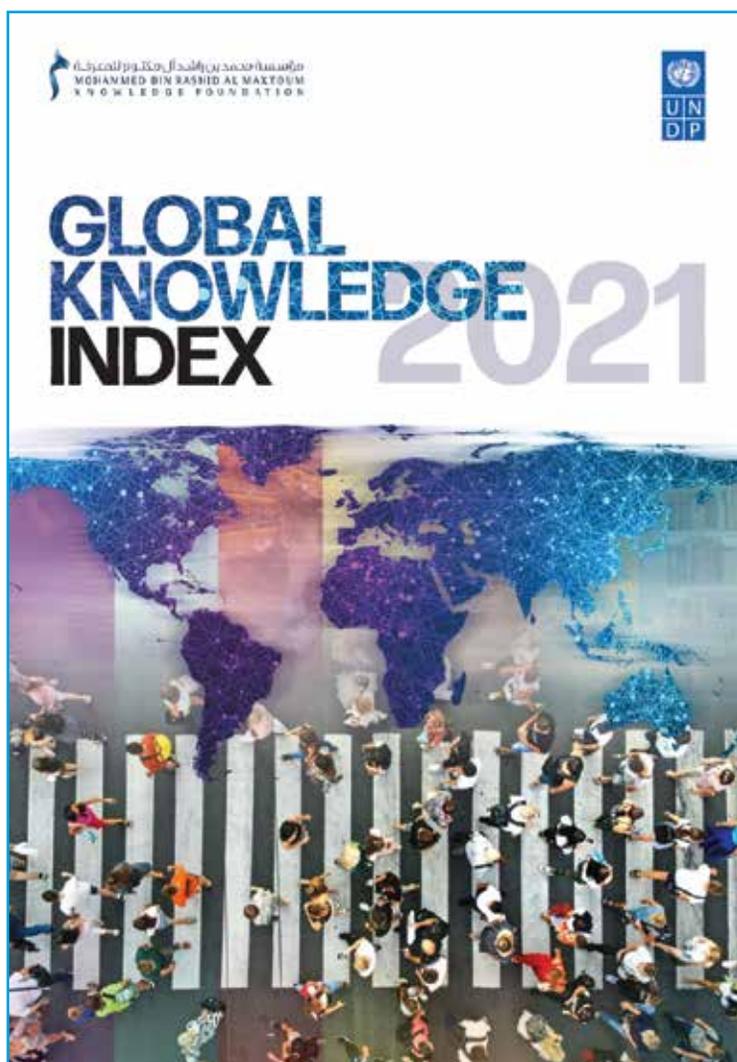


Mohammad Abdullah Al Gergawi receives the UN special award for the UAE's role in government modernization from Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance. Photo: Twitter

over 60 sessions. The conference reaffirmed the contributions and potential of creative assets to economic growth, particularly in the digital realm and for the future of education and work.

## Science and Technology

- The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), the Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) and the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) organized the twenty-eighth Workshop on Space Technology for Socioeconomic Benefits: “**Space Exploration – A source of inspiration, innovation and discovery**” in conjunction with the seventy-second International Astronautical Congress hosted in Dubai in October 2021. Its main objective was to raise awareness of exploration activities and promote inclusiveness in the field.
- On the margins of the seventy-second International Astronautical Congress in Dubai, UNOOSA and MBRSC signed a memorandum of understanding to provide opportunities in the **Payload Hosting Initiative (PHI)**, which offers a cost-effective and modular satellite platform that can host multi-purpose payloads. PHI is intended to build capacity and broaden space activities and applications.
- As a tribute to the UAE, **UNESCO declared 2 December as World Futures Day**, to showcase the centrality of future-oriented thinking, and future literacy as an essential skill for achieving sustainable development, as well as promoting futures research and applications in various contexts.
- During his visit to the UAE in December 2021, the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi applauded the UAE’s **technical and scientific skills evident in its peaceful nuclear and space programmes**, saying such initiatives will help further spur economic development, enabling the country to meet its ambitions and inspire innovation in future generations.
- UNOOSA jointly with government partners from the UAE and Brazil organized a conference titled “**Initiatives, Challenges and Opportunities for Women in Space Sciences**”, in Dubai. The conference discussed



*The Global Knowledge Index tracks the knowledge performance of 154 countries. Photo: UNDP*

concrete policy options and actions towards gender equality and women empowerment in the areas of space sciences, technology, innovation, and exploration.

- In partnership with the Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation, UNDP launched the **Global Knowledge Index 2021**, at the UN Hub at Expo2020. The Index is a systematic tool for guiding and informing policy makers and partners on policies to foster knowledge-based societies and bridge knowledge gaps. It ranked the UAE first in the region and 11th globally.

# Partnerships



Partnerships are at the core of the United Nations approach to multilateral engagement, working with a variety of UAE partners to achieve mutual and internationally agreed goals and frameworks around the world.

## Cultural Diplomacy

- UNESCO and the UAE signed an agreement to **establish the International Centre for Capacity Building in Intangible Cultural Heritage** in Sharjah. This UNESCO Centre will be hosted by the Sharjah Institute for Heritage at its headquarters, aimed at safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in addition to the implementation of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. The center will actively work to foster regional and international cooperation.
- The International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) and the University of Sharjah co-organized the **Arab Forum for Cultural Heritage**, which celebrated the International Day of Islamic Art on 18 November. The forum aims to raise awareness of Islamic art and heritage, as well as its contribution to the world civilizations, cultural, and scientific advancement. ICCROM and the University of Sharjah also launched the region's first post-graduate programme in **conservation management of cultural heritage** in 2021, also in the Arabic language, which is a first for the region.



UAE Minister of Culture and Youth H.E. Ms Noura Al Kaabi, and UNESCO Director-General Ms Audrey Azoulay signing the agreement to establish the International Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in Sharjah, Chairman of the Sharjah Institute for Heritage with Dr. Abdulaziz Almusallam, witnessing the signature ceremony. Photo: UNESCO

- **On 8 November 2021, UNESCO designated the city of Abu Dhabi as a 'City of Music'**, a designation under the UNESCO Creative Cities Network which promotes cooperation among cities that invest in their musical scene. Abu Dhabi joins other cities such as Glasgow, Santiago de Cuba, and Chennai that provide space for a thriving musical ecosystem that also reinforces traditional music and heritage, as well as modern musical expressions.

## Private Sector Engagement

- “UAE-based private donors contributed over US\$ 20 million in support of UNHCR programmes in 2021, making the UAE the 6th largest source of private donor contributions to the agency worldwide, ahead of other private donors from countries such as the United States and Australia.
- The **UN Global Compact launched the SDG Ambition Initiative in the UAE**. SDG Ambition is a six-month accelerator that aims to challenge and support participating companies of the UN Global Compact in setting ambitious corporate targets and accelerating integration of the 17 SDGs into core business management.



The SDG Ambition Accelerator of the UN Global Compact was conducted in partnership with SAP and Accenture. Photo: Global Compact UAE

- The UAE Global Compact Local Network is working closely with the Local Networks of Saudi Arabia and Lebanon to strengthen **knowledge-sharing and capacity development** activities among their collective memberships. The three networks are looking at creative initiatives in areas of mutual interest including diversity and inclusion, health and well-being, and youth empowerment.
- WFP launched a strategic partnership with state-owned conglomerate Dubai Holding. This agreement included a 2021 Ramadan campaign whereby Dubai Holding **encouraged corporate contributions from their subsidiaries and individual donations**

through **ShareTheMeal**. The campaign was created to support WFP’s school feeding programme wherever most needed.



The 2021 Ramadan campaign by WFP and Dubai Holding won the International Humanitarian City award for the best awareness campaign in the UAE. Photo: WFP

- WFP conducted different fundraising campaigns with partners such as Careem and Talabat to raise funds for the school feeding programmes and through its leading application Share the Meal. The **UAE ranks 5th in 2021 for donations and collaborations for ShareTheMeal** and has provided 3.9 million meals to different operations.
- The supermarket chain Choithrams has also partnered with WFP over the past 7 years by **running a yearly four-month campaign** to address WFP’s greatest needs. Choithrams International Foundation also fund school feeding programmes across Benin and have renewed this partnership until 2024.
- The First Abu Dhabi Bank has become the **first bank in the UAE to join UNEP’s Finance Initiative Net Zero Banking Alliance and Principles for Responsible Banking**. The bank was already the first in the region to issue Public Green Bonds in 2017 and has financed over US\$10 billion for sustainability-themed projects.
- UN Volunteers (UNV) and Etihad Airways have signed an **agreement to boost global volunteering and sustainable development** through engaging Etihad’s volunteers and associates in the programme’s activities. Over 3,000 Etihad staff have volunteered in support of various initiatives, and the memorandum of understanding seeks to institutionalize volunteering within the airline’s corporate culture.

## Introduction to Expo2020

World Expos are one of the largest and well-established international events globally, taking place every five years since 1851, and lasting six months. World Expos play a unique role in convening a global stage for new ideas and technologies, engaging people, and spurring support for global priorities across national boundaries.

Expo2020 in Dubai was the first World Expo hosted in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia regions and took place from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022, following a one-year postponement due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The UAE took a sustainability-driven approach to Expo2020, by having it focus on multilateralism and the SDGs, under the theme of “Connecting Minds, Creating the Future”. Expo2020 sought to inspire people and prompt action by showcasing the best examples of collaboration, innovation and cooperation from around the world in the areas of Sustainability, Opportunity, and Mobility. More than 220 participants took part, including 192 States, as well as many multilateral organizations, businesses, social-cause organizations, and educational institutions. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Expo2020 recorded more than 24 million visits over the six months.

## History of UN Engagement at Expo2020

In February 2019, the UN Secretary-General António Guterres accepted the invitation from the Government of the UAE to participate in Expo2020, welcoming it as an opportunity to highlight the positive impact of the UN across the globe, and the need for multilateralism to tackle humanity’s biggest challenges.



The UN Hub was the UN’s multipurpose space at Expo2020. Photo: UN RCO UAE

The UN participation at Expo2020 was led by Mr Maher Nasser, Commissioner-General of the UN at Expo2020 and Director for Outreach in the Department of Global Communications. Dr Dena Assaf, UN Resident Coordinator in the UAE served as Deputy Commissioner-General.



United Nations Commissioner-General for Expo2020, Maher Nasser, with United Nations Resident Coordinator to UAE and Deputy Commissioner-General for Expo, and Residen Dena Assaf at the UN Hub. Photo: UN RCO UAE

Given the impact of the pandemic, the UN's approach to its physical presence needed to be reconsidered. The responsibility to manage a UN space at Expo2020 was thus delegated to the RCO, led by the Deputy Commissioner-General in her capacity as Resident Coordinator, to mobilize and support the UN in UAE and any other UN entity interested in engaging at Expo2020 through a physical presence. This established a precedent to empower the Resident Coordinator and their convening role while also operationalizing UN reform in action.



The UN Hub was situated within Expo's Opportunity Pavillion, which provided a strong SDG-focus for visitors. Photo: UN RCO UAE

The UN's physical presence at Expo2020 was established through a dedicated "UN Hub" housed within the Opportunity Pavilion - one of the three anchor pavilions curated under the theme of the SDGs. The UN Hub served as a multipurpose space, allowing for the organization of exhibitions, panels and seminars, media events, films, as well as public engagements. Annexes I and II provide a listing of the activities organized at the UN Hub.



Emirates Foundation volunteers supported daily operations at the UN Hub. Photo: UN RCO UAE

## Importance of Expo2020 for the UN in the UAE

Expo2020 was a key strategic national priority for the UAE Government that coincided with several important milestones in the UAE including its Golden Jubilee. The combination of these milestones presented an unprecedented window of opportunity for enhancing the UN's relationship with the UAE, the UN UAE's visibility, exposure to the UAE leadership and citizenry for awareness raising on the UN in the UAE, and a watershed moment for partnerships and conversations on the UN's strategic priority areas in the UAE.



*A permanent fixture at the UN Hub was a timeline depicting key UN milestones since its inception.  
Photo: UN RCO UAE*

Beyond elevating the UN's system-wide relationship with the UAE, Expo2020 also presented a high traffic opportunity for the UN to engage with a variety of partners and stakeholders from the UAE and internationally, to amplify communications and advocacy messaging to an international audience, advance partnership development and knowledge sharing, and mobilize UAE-based constituencies to advance the SDGs throughout the decade of action. Of particular note, was the increased visibility and awareness of the UN UAE's partnership and engagement in the UAE, by UAE partners, UN entities, stakeholders, and UAE residents and Expo2020 visitors at large.

### Strategic Objectives for the UN's Participation at Expo2020

The UN (at the global and local levels) had the following objectives for its overall engagement at Expo2020:

- Represent the UN at Expo2020 and create opportunities to promote the values enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.
- Advocate for hope and encourage actions to achieve vision for a world where everyone thrives in peace, dignity and equality on a healthy planet.
- Champion Agenda 2030 and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in partnership with Expo2020 leadership and all participating countries and entities.
- Facilitate the participation of UN System leadership and expertise in relevant events, international days and thematic weeks at Expo and the provision of thought partnership, particularly on the SDGs.

Cognisant of the unique opportunities presented by Expo2020 for the UN in the UAE, the programming of the UN Hub was underpinned by two additional goals:

- To inform visitors on the role and value of the UN's work in and with the UAE; and
- To advance the UN in the UAE's partnership work, its strategic partnership with the UAE government, and its overall visibility in the UAE.

## Achievements

The UN Hub welcomed more than 100,000 visitors throughout Expo2020, making it the most visited UN premises globally during 2021 and the Expo2020 period. The UN Hub also became an important convening venue for high level dignitaries from the UAE and beyond.

Throughout the six months, the UN Hub invited visitors of all ages and demographics to learn more about the UN and Agenda 2030 through 19 exhibitions, over 180 film screenings, and 69 events<sup>[1]</sup>. The UN Hub was also an active site to promote the #ActNow campaign with over 400,000 commitments in support of the sustainable development agenda and climate action.

45 UN entities participated in events or exhibitions in the UN Hub over the six months – demonstrating to the world and the UN itself, the unity of the UN system and its ability to come together<sup>[2]</sup>.



Photo: UN RCO UAE



<sup>[1]</sup> See Annexes 1 and 2 for full list of exhibits and events.

<sup>[2]</sup> See Annex 3 for full list of UN Entities.

The UN Hub was open 7 days a week over the six months of Expo2020. It was managed on a day-to-day basis by the RCO in the UAE, supported by an on-site team of UN Volunteers (funded by the Republic of Korea, China and United Nations Volunteers, and the UN Special Purpose Trust Fund). More than 300 part time volunteers from UN agencies present in the UAE, the Emirates Foundation, and Expo2020 also supported the UN Hub and the various activities taking place.

Inside the UN Hub and across the Expo site, the UN in the UAE partnered with country pavilions and Expo itself to participate in events marking International Days, Theme Weeks, or simply to start a conversation on a particular topic relevant to their mandate. These events furthered to cement the central participation of the UN in Expo2020, and the profile of the UN in the UAE.



Photo: UN RCO UAE

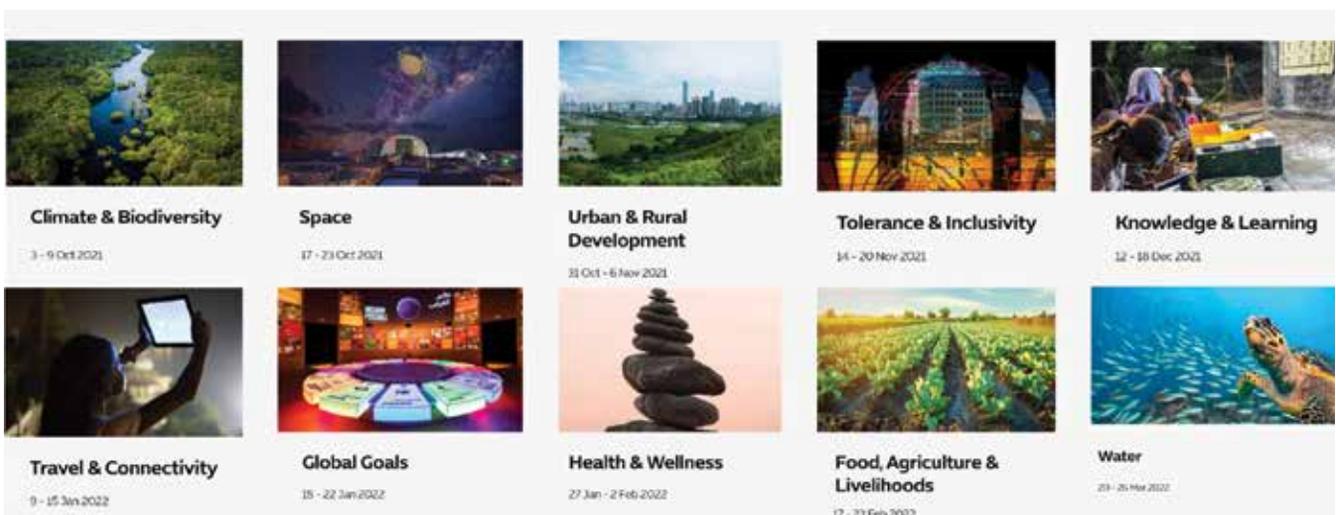


Photo: Expo2020, Programme for People and Planet

## Multilateralism & the UN's Substantive Engagements through the UN Hub and across Expo2020

UN entities led on a variety of activities that took place both at the UN Hub and throughout Expo2020 in partnership with the UAE, country pavilions and other organizations. The following compilation illustrates select activities under key thematic priorities relevant to the work of the UN in, and with, the UAE.

### Climate Action

The theme of climate action dominated UN engagements at Expo2020 given its emphasis on sustainability, biodiversity, and alignment with the SDGs. The UN organized a series of outreach campaigns including the Expo2020 launch of the UNDP "Don't Choose Extinction" campaign featuring Frankie the Dinosaur, a virtual TEDx on the UN's Climate Change Global Innovation Hub, as well as several engagements with a variety of constituents, including a *Walk4Climate* with people of determination champion and UNDP Regional Goodwill Ambassador Michael Haddad in partnership with the Swedish Pavilion.

At the substantive level, the UN's work on Climate Action falls under two broad areas, the first relates to biodiversity conservation, oceans and marine life, and planetary boundaries. This included panels, events, and conferences such as the *ReWilde Arabia: UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in a New Era* panel discussion; viewing and discussion of UNEP's film: *Recovering Key Species for Ecosystem Restoration*; and hosting the 4th Fujairah International Conference for Coastal Areas and Marine Environment 2022.

The second area relates to human resilience through adaptation and mitigation of climate shocks, where events such as UNDRR's workshop entitled *Fostering Resilience's Rippling Effects for Multiple Natural Hazards Management- Arab region* have engaged a significant audience, both in-person as well as online. Other events included the UNECA's *Earth, Oceans and Skies – African Women Scientists* panel discussion; the *Future City in Innovation* event organized by UN Habitat and partners; and the SDG Media Zone reflecting on the outcomes of COP26. In the lead up to COP27, 15 UN Agencies also participated in MENA Climate Week, hosted by the UAE Government in partnership with UNFCCC in the margins of Expo2020. Stakeholder engagement in these sessions centered on accelerating collaboration and integration climate action and provided insights on key issues and priorities.



*The Walk4Climate underscored the importance of raising the level of ambition and urgency for climate action by all sectors of society. Photo: UN RCO UAE*



*Expo2020 launch of "Don't Chose Extinction". Photo: UN RCO UAE.*

Additional examples beyond the UN Hub include, but are not limited to:

- **UNDRR Spotlight on Africa: Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilience** – In partnership with the African Union, the event highlighting progress on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and solutions for early warning systems in Africa. October 2021.

- **FAO Sustainable Aquaculture** - Part of the solution for climate change event at Norway Pavilion. February 2022.
- **CMS participation in World Wildlife Day Event** - Led by Ministry of Climate Change and Environment and UNEP in the Terra Pavillion. March 2022.
- **FAO participation in Forests and Sustainable Production and Consumption Event** - Organized by the International Union of Forest Research Organizations and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences to celebrate the International Day of Forests at the Swedish Pavilion. March 2022

## Health, Nutrition, and Food Security

A series of events and campaigns were organized under this theme to promote healthy and nutritious diets rooted in quality, stable, and accessible food sources. As an example of hallmark engagements in this vein, FAO signed a letter of intent in October 2021 to launch the #foodforlife initiative, with the UAE MOCCA and the MOHAP, along with the Emirates Nature-WWF. This initiative was officially launched in February 2022 during Expo2020's Food, Agriculture, and Livelihoods Week. Other noteworthy events include the *African Mayors Dialogue on Urban Governance for Health and Wellbeing in the post COVID-19 era* panel discussion, and the UN Convention to Combatting Desertification special event titled *Climate-Resilient Solutions towards Achieving Food Security*.



*Cooking demonstration by children during the WFP Stop the Waste event. Photo: WFP*



*Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Dr. Ahmed Al-Mandhari and UN colleagues alongside sports figures, health leaders and frontline workers, all walking in support of Universal Health Coverage. Photo: UN RCO UAE*

Other activities included WFP co-hosting the *Stop the Waste* event in the Australia Pavilion in October 2021 to raise awareness on food waste and solutions on World Food Day; FAO's *Aquatec for sustainable aquaculture in the UAE*; an SDG Media Zone discussion on *Good Food for People and Planet* coordinated by the UN Department of Global Communications; along with several other events on health and wellbeing organized by UNFPA, WHO, UN Women, among other UN entities.

Additional examples include, but are not limited to:

- **FAO participation in World Food Day.** Collaboration with Ministry of Climate Change and Environment. October 2021.
- **UNICEF and UN-Habitat launched the Sharjah Principles for Child-Friendly Urban Planning.** Held during World Cities Day in partnership with the Sharjah Urban Planning Council, and other partners. October 2021.

- **FAO participation in Addressing global challenges of rural areas with Smart Villages.** Organized by the Slovenian Pavilion at the Terra Pavilion. November 2021.
- **FAO Agri-Innovation Days** – Held during Food for Future Summit at Dubai Exhibition Center. February 2022
- **WHO co-hosted the Walk the Talk** event in partnership with Expo2020 and the UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention to mark International Universal Health Coverage Day.

## Arts, Culture and Volunteerism

Throughout Expo2020 the UN Hub consistently promoted international solidarity and building bridges among different communities and peoples.

An important contribution to this was the partnership established between the Emirates Foundation, in support of the UN in the UAE in the UN Hub. Initiated by the RCO, and facilitated by UNV, this strategic partnership bolstered Emirati volunteerism by engaging 150 Emirati volunteers through the Emirates Foundation to support the daily operations at the UN Hub. Volunteers participated on a rotational basis and were able to learn first-hand about the United Nations, also aiding to raise visibility and understanding of the UN in the UAE.

The inaugural exhibition at the UN Hub included 20 art pieces by UAE-based artists portraying their artistic expressions of the SDGs, with a multitude of subsequent exhibitions, story-telling activities, and photography workshops taking place to promote the arts and inclusive content creation to advance messaging on sustainable development. Several activities on culture took place such as the *Forum on Rethinking the Future of Islamic Arts and Heritage* in November, the *UNESCO International Forum on Media and Information Literacy*; a *High-Level Conversation on Antiracism* led by the UNFPA Executive Director, Dr. Natalia Kanem, and an *SDG Media Zone on countering misinformation*, amongst others.

Another recurring theme throughout Expo2020 was recognizing the important contributions of volunteers and their activism for common good beyond the work of the UN Hub. Examples include the events associated with the International Volunteer Day in December; the SDG Media Zone on changemakers: Individual Actions for the SDGs; and the UN Global Compact's youth-focused session, promoting youth's initiatives for social good.



UNDP – AYAMI's 'Sing for the SDGs' music concert. Photo: UN RCO UAE



Emirati Artist Ahmed Al Awadhi (Rukni) with his art piece in the SDGs Through the Arts exhibit. Photo: UN RCO UAE



High-Level Conversation on Antiracism led by the UNFPA. Photo: UN RCO UAE

Specific examples include, but are not limited to:

- **UNDP – AYAMI ‘Sing for the SDGs’ music concert.** Held at the Sea Stage. December 2021.
- **UNHCR Participation in Dignified Storytelling consultation.** The event featured success stories to be featured in the handbook and the event. The Head of Global Communications at UNHCR also was part of panel on the summit. December 2021.
- **RewirED Summit organized by Dubai Cares:** December 2021
  - **UNICEF** held multiple sessions and panel discussions to bring a wide range of expertise and children’s voices to influence policies and mobilise support for child rights.
  - **UNHCR** The High Commissioner participated through a video message in the High-Level Opening Segment on Education Financing. UNHCR also led several side sessions on education and innovative good practice as well as bringing students delegation from refugees.
  - **UNRWA** held sessions and panel discussions at the Dubai Cares Pavilion and Canadian Pavilion with a focus on harnessing educational innovation to provide quality education to Palestine refugee children in the face of adversity and reaching those left behind.
- **UNV International Volunteer Day Specialist Event** – Held at the Nexus for People and Planet in partnership with the Ministry of Community Development, in collaboration with the Emirates Foundations and IAVE, League of Arab States, UPS Foundation, Federal Competitiveness & Statistics Centre, and the International Humanitarian City. December 2021.
- **UNV International Volunteer Day Public Event – Held at the Jubilee Park,** in partnership with the Ministry of Community Development and the Emirates Foundation to raise awareness of, and celebrate, International Volunteer Day, spotlighting the UAE’s leadership role in the area. December 2021.

### Humanitarian Action and Reinforcing Peace Foundations

Given the significant work of the UN in the UAE in support of global humanitarian operations, several key exhibitions and outreach events took place at the UN Hub, such as delivery of life-saving humanitarian relief services in contexts of conflict and safeguarding the lives and dignity of most vulnerable populations. In this regard, UNFPA organized four exhibits on their work in humanitarian contexts, highlighting how reproductive health services play a profound role in saving the lives of displaced women. OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, and other UN entities also organized a variety of exhibitions and events of relevance, including on anticipatory humanitarian action given the profound impact of climate change on exposed and vulnerable communities around the world.



*Anticipatory Humanitarian Action’ panel co-hosted by OCHA, WFP and the Swedish Pavilion. Photo: WFP*



*The Displacement Journey’ exhibit by UNHCR at the UN Hub. Photo: UN RCO UAE*



*The People’s Mission: Citizens in Space Exploration, co-hosted by UNOOSA. Photo: Expo2020.*

The peacebuilding dimension was also visible at the UN Hub throughout Expo2020. The UN Women exhibition *In Their Hands: Women Taking Ownership of Peace* showcased the role women play in reinforcing

the foundations of peace. UN DPPA also organized a session on using technology for peace mediation, while a session of the SDG Media Zone was dedicated to the issue of misinformation and hate speech online. The UN's work across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus was also recognized, with several UN initiatives being identified as global best practices, such as a FAO programme in Uganda and Kenya on promoting peaceful cross-border and inter-community coexistence, opportunity, and resilience.

Additional examples include, but are not limited to:

- **OCHA and WFP High -level event/workshop on “Anticipatory Humanitarian Action”.** Co-hosted in partnership with the Swedish Pavilion, the European Union in the UAE and the International Committee of the Red Cross. October 2021.
- **UNOOSA Event - The People’s Mission: Citizens in Space Exploration.** Held in association with the UAE Space Agency, the Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), and the Mozambique and USA Pavilions. October 2021.
- **UNFPA High-Level Panel Event: “A Woman Even Here” (AWEH)-** Held at the Dubai Cares Pavilion, with the participation of Dr. Luay Shabaneh, UNFPA Regional Director- Arab States; Ms. Pramila Patten, UNSG Special representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict (SRSG) November 2021.
- **UNFPA Arab States Regional Office participation in high-level event on disability.** Co-convened at Dubai Exhibition Center by the League of Arab States and Ministry of Community Development. December 2021.
- **UNHCR Launch of the Islamic Philanthropy 2021 Mid-Year Report.** In collaboration with the Muslim World League (MWL), the report, which was presented in its new digital and interactive format in MWL’s pavilion, highlighted the impact of UNHCR’s Refugee Zakat Fund. The event also involved a panel discussion, titled “Zakat and Sadaqah in the Time of Disasters and Pandemics”. December 2021.
- **UNICEF** hosted an event at the SDG Best Practice Area on digital poverty and impact on children’s education in MENA. December 2021.
- **UNHCR co-sponsoring the “Law and a Better World” Conference with UAE University College of Law.** It brought together experts, academia, international organizations, indigenous groups, and civil society to present, promote and discuss the latest thinking and developments of the various expressions of the values of tolerance, inclusivity and coexistence. March 2022.

## Youth Engagement, Diversity and Inclusion

Youth engagement plays an integral role in the UN in UAE agenda. In addition to having youth volunteers dedicating their time to support the team at the UN Hub, the UN RCO also recognized the importance of the inclusion of youth and people of determination by giving them the platform to share their story through the UN Hub and communication outlets.



Concert hosted by UNICEF as part of their International Children’s Day events. Photo: Expo2020.



Inclusive Content Creation’ panel discussion. Photo: UN RCO UAE



Dubai Police’s Young Safety Ambassadors and the UN Resident Coordinator, during their visit to the UN Hub. Photo: UN RCO UAE

Specific emphasis was placed on mobilizing in solidarity of vulnerable persons under the motto of leaving no one behind, using, for instance, an exhibition on the Displacement Journey to sensitize the plight of displaced persons, and the UNHCR-Canada joint panel discussion on refugee protection through mobility and opportunity – these being two of Expo2020’s three themes. In November, the UN Global Compact convened a “Diversity & Inclusion focus session”, while in January the RCO hosted a panel discussion on *Inclusive Content Creation: Leaving No One Behind*, in partnership with the Zayed Higher Organization for People of Determination (Dana Al Hashemi film director & person of determination) and UNDP AYAMI.

Other examples included, but were not limited to:

- **UN Day** - Emirates Youth Symphony Orchestra performance at Al Wasl stage. October 2021
- **UNICEF International Children’s Day Flagship Programme of Events** – In partnership with the Ministry of Community Development, it included the biggest World Children’s Day celebration on the planet: Music, dance, poetry and more on Expo’s central stage. November 2021.
- **ILO Film screening of CODA**. In partnership with Apple TV on World Social Justice Day. February 2022
- **Interview and visit from Fatma Al Jassim, Emirati youth delegate at the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)** October 2021.
- **UNICEF National Ambassador Majid Al Usaimi** participation at the Asian Business Leadership Forum held at Dubai Cares pavilion. November 2021.
- Observing the International Day of People with Disabilities, including a visit from accessibility advocate Yuriko Oda from Japan – UN Hub. December 2021.
- Multiple engagements and interviews with Michael Haddad (UNDP Goodwill Ambassador) during Global Goals Week in Jan 2022.
- **UNDP Cooperation agreement signed with the Arab Youth Center (AYC)** at the Youth Pavillion, to launch the second edition of the Youth Development Delegates Programme in the Arab Region. March 2022.
- Young Safety Ambassadors with Dubai Police visit February 2022.
- Visit from the UN Secretary General’s Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change to the UN Hub in October 2021.
- **UNFPA Exhibition: “See Us, Hear Us, Count Us In”**. Held at the Dubai Exhibition Centre and UN Hub. March 2022.
- SDG Youth advocates and school visits.

## Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment



The Italian Pavillion lit up in orange in support of the 16 Days of Activism. Photo: Expo2020.



UN Women Deputy Executive Director, Anita Bahtia, during the ‘In Their Hands: Women Taking Ownership of Peace’ exhibit at the UN Hub. Photo: UN RCO UAE



UN Women’s SDG5 Summit convened high level officials shed light on SDG5 implementation. Photo: UN Women.

Events included, but were not limited to:

- **UN Women and EU Delegation Panel on Women Career Progression.** Held at the Women's Pavillion – October 2021.
- **UNOOSA: Space4Women Expert Meeting.** Organized jointly with government partners from the United Arab Emirates and Brazil under the title “Initiatives, Challenges and Opportunities for Women in Space Sciences”, the meeting discussed concrete policy options and actions towards gender equality and women empowerment in the areas of space sciences, technology, innovation, and exploration. October 2021
- **UN Women Activation - 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.** Country pavilions were invited to support the campaign by lighting their buildings in orange, wearing orange scarves, and amplifying the campaign on social media and other awareness-raising activities. November 2021
- **UNFPA Panel Discussion: “Success stories of pioneer women from the GCC”.** The event discussed women’s empowerment progress, achievements, challenges, and aspirations in the GCC, including social, economic, and legal factors as well as the impact of maternal health and gender-based violence. December 2021
- **UN Women SDG5 Summit.** Held at the Dubai Exhibition Center, it highlighted the role of the private sector in advancing SDG5 and removing the barriers to economic empowerment. March 2021
- **UN Women Meet the Buyer** – Gender responsive procurement workshop held at the UN Hub.

## Collaboration with the Private Sector



*UN Global Compact Executive Director, Sanda Ojambo, addresses the Sustainable Development Goals Business Forum. Photo: Expo2020*



*UN Global Compact hosted a discussion with youth at the UN Hub. Photo: UN RCO UAE*

Events included, but were not limited to:

- **UNFPA Event: “Despair No More”:** Held in partnership with Essity/Tena at the Swedish Pavilion. January 2022
- **UN Global Compact Sustainable Development Goals Business Forum.** Held alongside the Dubai Chamber of Commerce at the Dubai Exhibition Center. The forum aimed to unite businesses around the world and urge further action towards a sustainable and inclusive future. January 2022
- **UNHCR Workshop in partnership with Accenture.** The workshop engaged philanthropists to hear from them their field of interests and brainstorm on new ways of leveraging support in the three main areas: economic empowerment, education, and protection for refugees, to expand the collaboration with UNHCR. January 2021.
- **UN Global Compact Annual Local Network Forum:** Gathering of over 50 Global Compact Networks around the world for an in-person event to discuss operationalization of its 2021-2023 strategy, and to convene high-level leadership panels. March 2022.

## UN Day 2021

On 24 October 2021, UN Day was observed at Expo2020 with an official 'honour day' ceremony in the Al Wasl Dome.



*H.E. Reem Al Hashimy, UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation and Expo2020 Director General, welcomes United Nations Deputy Secretary-General, Amina Mohammed, on United Nations Day. Photo: UN RCO UAE*

UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed participated, along with the UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation, Minister of Youth and Culture, and other high-ranking officials. The RCO partnered with the Emirates Youth Symphony Orchestra to give two performances during the course of the day. During her visit, the UN Deputy Secretary-General visited the UN Hub, where she viewed the 'SDGs through the Arts' Exhibit and took part in the inauguration of the UN's #TheWorldWeWant photo exhibit. She also unveiled at the Swedish Pavilion a sustainable wood replica of the "Knotted Gun", the tribute to peace by Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd that resides at the UN Secretariat in New York.



*The Emirates Youth Symphony Orchestra during their UN Day performance at Al Wasl Dome. Photo: Expo2020*

UN Day took place early in the Expo2020 calendar and was the first of many opportunities Expo2020 presented for the UN to engage with the UAE's senior leadership and discuss the strategic partnership of the UN with the UAE.



*Al Wasl Dome projection on UN Day. Photo: Amna Bint Moussa*

Marking the UN Day at Expo2020 facilitated a meeting of the UN Deputy Secretary-General and the UN Resident Coordinator with His Highness Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, His Excellency Mohammad bin Abdullah Al Gergawi, Minister of Cabinet Affairs, and Her

Excellency Reem Al Hashimi, Minister of State for International Cooperation, allowing for a discussion on expanding and institutionalizing the UN-UAE partnership. These discussions continued further, including with the DSG in January upon her second mission and visit to Expo2020.

## UAE Golden Jubilee

In the first week of December, the UAE marked 50 years since its federation under one flag. Expo2020 was central to the Golden Jubilee celebrations, where citizens, residents, government, and private sector entities, were invited to take part in reflecting on the UAE's journey over the past 50 years and voice their aspirations for the next 50 years.



UAE Golden Jubilee Celebration at Al Wasl Dome.  
Photo: Expo2020

Commemorating the UAE's Golden Jubilee, the UN in the UAE highlighted its role in the UAE's history through a visual exhibit that raised awareness on the strategic partnership of the UN in the UAE "Working Together for a Better Future", highlighting the impactful role of the UN in the UAE over the years, and its strategic role in supporting the UAE in its first 50 years and plans for a strategic partnership moving forward.



HE Reem Al Hashimi, UAE Minister of State for International Cooperation, tours the "UN in UAE: Working Together for a Better Future" exhibit.  
Photo: UN RCO UAE

The UN in the UAE Exhibit was a unique opportunity to raise awareness on the presence and strategic partnership of the UN working in the UAE and provided an entry point for further engagement with UAE leadership and partners in the country. For example, the UN in the UAE hosted counterparts from MOFAIC in the UN Hub to view the UN in the UAE Exhibit, marking the first ever meeting of the UN in the UAE as a collective, with the Ministry. A subsequent presentation with more MOFAIC staff was organized. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, and other UAE officials also visited this exhibit. The media also covered the exhibit through interviews with the Resident Coordinator.



Snapshot from the UN UAE's video message on the occasion of the UAE's Golden Jubilee. Photo: UN RCO UAE

The exhibit has already been repurposed and utilized in the DIHAD conference of 2021 and will continue to be utilized for outreach and visibility purposes. An online version of the exhibit can be found on the UN in the UAE Website.

## Global Goals Week



The SDG branding featured prominently throughout the Expo2020 site. Photo: Expo2020

In January 2022, the UN Hub, as well as the rest of Expo celebrated the Global Goals Week. This was the first time Global Goals Week was celebrated outside of the General Assembly in New York and saw the second visit of the UN Deputy Secretary-General to Expo2020.



Under-Secretary-General Melissa Fleming participates in one of the SDG Media Zone sessions broadcast from the UN Hub during Global Goals Week. Photo: UN RCO UAE

The UN Hub hosted the Department of Global Communications' SDG Media Zone throughout the week, where conversations highlighted a call for bold action on the SDGs amidst

the pandemic. Among the key activities was spotlighting the importance of good food choices for our planet, as well as how individual actions, in spite of overwhelming odds, can help advance climate action. The Resident Coordinator was interviewed as part of the SDG Media Zone, on the partnership of the UN with the UAE.



United Nations Deputy Secretary-General, Amina Mohammed, during the Global Goals Week flagship event at Al Wasl Dome. Photo: Expo2020



The United Nations Flag, led a procession of the 17 SDG flags to open the Global Goals flagship event at Al Wasl Dome. Photo: Expo2020

From Global Goals Week until the end of Expo2020, the Expo2020 site was covered in SDG branding, with over 600 posters, flags, signage, and illustrations all over the 45,000 square meter space.



Stamping station for the SDGs scavenger hunt at the UN Hub. Photo: UN RCO UAE

Expo also created an SDG scavenger hunt challenge during Global Goals week. Visitors were provided a map with which they collected stamps around the Expo site corresponding to each SDG. At the end of the challenge they needed to make a commitment to advancing the SDGs. The UN Hub hosted the stamp for SDG 17 and the SDG logo during this visitors' expedition, which brought even more visitor traffic and engagement to the UN Hub. This activity continued until the end of Expo.

### High Level Visits

Throughout Expo2020, the UN welcomed several hundred high-level visitors to the UN Hub, providing a platform for the UN in the UAE to further its strategic communications objectives and tell the story of the UN in the UAE.



H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, during his visit to the UN Hub. Photo: Expo2020

These included purposeful visits to call on the UN Hub, visits to view specific exhibitions of relevance, and visits to participate in the various events. For instance, His Excellency Sultan Al-Shamsi, the UAE's Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs responsible for humanitarian aid visited the UN Hub specifically to view a UNFPA exhibition focusing on their UAE-funded humanitarian assistance for reproductive health services in Yemen in November 2021.



*H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, during his visit at the UN Hub. Photo: MOFAIC*

Notable visits included Senior UN Officials and both Royalty and distinguished dignitaries of the UAE. In addition to the list below, the UN Hub received multiple visits of Member State government Ministers and official delegations, UN Goodwill Ambassadors, the UN Messenger of Peace, Ms. Malala Yousafzai, and former UN Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki Moon.



*Malala Yousafzai, United Nations Messenger of Peace, during her visit to the UN Hub. Photo: UN RCO UAE*

#### Visits from UAE Leadership to the UN Hub:

- H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi
- H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- H.E. Reem Al Hashimy, Minister of State for International Cooperation
- H.E. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance
- H.E. Dr Sultan Al Jabr, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and UAE Special Envoy on Climate Change
- H.E. Marian Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change and Environment
- H.E. Abdullah Bin Touq Al Marri, Minister of Economy
- H.E. Noura Al Kaabi, Minister of Culture and Youth
- H.E. Hussain Al Hammadi, Minister of Education
- H.E. Lana Nusseibeh, UAE Permanent Representative to the United Nations
- H.E. Yacoub AlHosani, Assistant Minister for International Organizations, MOFAIC
- H.E. Sultan AlShamsi, Assistant Minister for International Development, MOFAIC
- H.E. Lana Nusseibeh, UAE Permanent Representative to the United Nations
- Ms. Habiba Al-Mar'ashi, Co-Founder and Chairperson, Emirates Environmental Group

In addition, in November 2021, Her Excellency Lana Nusseibeh, UAE Permanent Representative to the United Nations brought incoming members of the UN Security Council to the UN Hub.



UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed, at the ceremonial opening of the Expo2020 gates during Global Goals Week, accompanied by UN and Expo2020 Officials. Photo: Expo2020

Visits from UN Senior Officials to the UN Hub, inter alia:

- H.E. Abdulla Shahid, President of the UN General Assembly
- H.E. Amina Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General
- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, WHO
- Ms. Audrey Azoulay, Director General, UNESCO
- Mr. Miguel Moratinos, Under Secretary-General, UNAOC
- Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Under Secretary-General, UNCCD
- Ms. Melissa Fleming, Under Secretary-General for Global Communications
- Mr. Martin Griffiths, Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator
- Ms. Catherine Pollard, Under Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
- Dr Natalia Kanem, Executive Director, UNFPA
- Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, Director General, UN Office in Vienna
- Ms. Vera Songwey, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa
- Mr. Abdulhakim Elwaer, Assistant Director General & Regional Representative for Near

East and North Africa, FAO

- Dr. Ahmed Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean
- Ms. Anita Bhatia, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women
- Dr. Khalida Bouzar, Assistant Secretary General and Director of the Regional Bureau of Arab States, UNDP
- Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Youth
- Ms. Sanda Ojiambo, Executive Director, UN Global Compact
- Ms. Simonetta Di Pippo, Director, UNOOSA
- Ms. Preeti Sinha, Executive Director, UNCDF
- Mr. Jean Todt, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Road Safety
- Mr. Luay Shabaneh, Regional Director for Arab States. UNFPA
- Ms. Laila Baker, Regional Director for Arab States, UN Development Coordination Office
- Ms. Najat Rochdi, UN Resident Coordinator, Lebanon
- Ms. Irena Vojáčková-Sollorano, UN Resident Coordinator, Iraq
- Mr. Tareq El-Sheikh, UN Resident Coordinator, Kuwait
- Ms. Nathalie Fustier, UN Resident Coordinator, KSA
- Mr. Mohammad El-Zarkani, UN Resident Coordinator, Bahrain
- Mr. Ghulam Isaczai, UN Resident Coordinator, Jordan
- Mr. Imran Khan, UN Resident Coordinator, Syria
- Ms. Lynn Hastings, UN Resident Coordinator, Palestine
- Mr. Michael Haddad, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador for Climate Change in the Arab Region
- Ms. Nomzamo Mbatha, UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador for South Africa

## Impact of Expo2020 on UN in the UAE

**The UN's engagement at Expo2020 contributed to two broad objectives of the UN in the UAE: the first, the strengthening the UN's relationship with the UAE, which encompasses work toward the articulation of mutual priorities, partnerships, and global initiatives. The second, to advance the UN positioning in and with the UAE, both within policymaker circles and with the public, through targeted use of strategic communications and outreach.**



*As seen from Al Wasl Avenue, the Al Wasl Dome features the SDG wheel. Photo: Expo 2020 Dubai*

The UN in the UAE's active engagement at Expo2020 undoubtedly advanced all aspects of the UN's priorities in, and with, the UAE.

### Relationship with UAE Entities

Throughout Expo2020, the UAE leadership has largely shifted to the Expo2020 site, becoming the nexus of all UAE policy, diplomacy, and decision-making. The UN presence at Expo2020 enabled unprecedented levels of visibility for the UNCT and for the SDGs and principles of sustainable development, as well as facilitating privileged access to UAE counterparts as a result of this proximity and participation in a wide range of Expo2020 events.

Against this backdrop, this proximity, access, and participation in events allowed for a significant elevation of the UN's relationship with UAE counterparts in three ways:

The **first** in strengthening the exposure of UAE

counterparts and other stakeholders to the SDGs and the UN's work, to showcase the important work of multilateralism in addressing global challenges. This has boosted the relevance of the UN system to the UAE's foreign policy, with particular emphasis on the UAE's role as a development partner, regional power broker, and contributor in specific areas of sustainable development. As a result, UAE counterparts are more responsive to the UN's work, more accommodating to requests for collaboration, and more enthusiastic to engage on Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.



*Launch of the 2021 Global Knowledge Index from the UN Hub. Photo: UN RCO UAE*

Through the hosting and participation in events, theme weeks and international days throughout Expo2020, significant advancements were made in identifying new partnership opportunities and strengthening existing partnerships in areas of mutual priority for the UN and the UAE. The vast majority of events organized at the UN Hub were organized among one or more UN entities or with other partners in the UAE and beyond, presenting a platform for a broader engagement with government entities, international organizations, academia, social-cause organizations, among other partners.

These partnerships allowed for multiple perspectives on key development issues, such as on climate action, food security, data, innovation, gender equality and women's empowerment, private sector engagement, youth, people of determination and inclusion, among others. These discussions and engagements will further contribute to the UN's substantive consultation processes towards its strategic partnership with the UAE.



*The Business Response to Climate Change' panel discussion at the UN Hub.  
Photo: UN RCO UAE*

The **second** area is derived from the proximity, allowing for building interpersonal relationships, increased trust, and more direct and candid engagement on matters of mutual concern and interest. This has enabled a closer understanding of the UAE's priorities both internally, as well as globally and shed insights on how to advance working relationships with various parts of the UN system. Furthermore, Expo2020 has allowed for building a contact base with a wide constituency of UAE and global partners who can prove instrumental in advancing the UN's work in the country.



*Expo Volunteers also supported outreach activities daily at the UN Hub.  
Photo: UN RCO UAE*

The **third** builds on the significant public outreach efforts, which improved the visibility of the UN in the UAE and the understanding of UAE audiences of the UN's work both in and with the UAE.

## Strategic Communications and Outreach

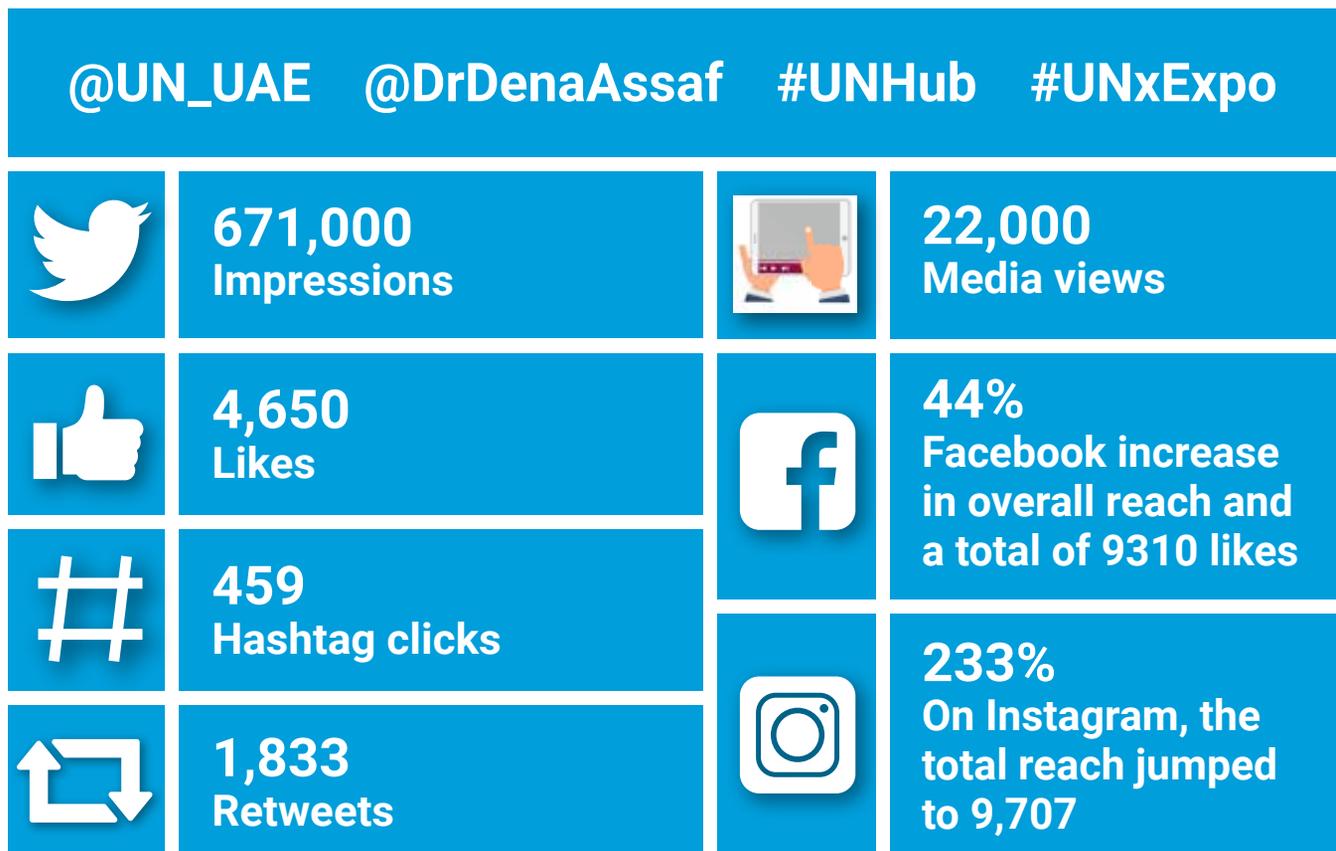
Expo2020 has unequivocally enhanced the positioning the UN in UAE. By leveraging Expo2020's momentum, the UN in the UAE was able to showcase its work through its channels and networks at the local, regional and global level, in partnership with the UN Department of Global Communications and with the support of the Regional Community of Practice consisting of various United Nations Information Centres and RCOs in the region. The RCO recorded significant visibility of programmes and activities implemented by various UN entities at the UN Hub across traditional, digital and social media platforms. The UN's presence at Expo2020 was also an opportunity to encourage public engagement and awareness on the SDGs and global campaigns such as the ACT NOW with an Expo-specific QR code installed at the UN Hub for the public to join the campaign. Visitors also had the chance to test their knowledge on the Global

Goals in a fun and interactive SDG Wheel game at the UN Hub, in addition to the SDG scavenger hunt organized by Expo2020 and with dedicated stamping stations across the site, including the UN Hub.

The use of the dedicated #UNHub and #UNxEXPO hashtags has also fostered a global reach in countries beyond the UAE, such as the United States of America, India, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Nigeria and the United Kingdom. This traction also garnered the attention of notable celebrities and UN advocates, including Leonardo DiCaprio and Yo-Yo Ma, whose accounts acknowledged the UN presence at Expo2020 during Global Goals Week.

### Engagement Highlights: Posts and Mentions using #UNHub and #UNxExpo

During Expo 2020, the RCO Instagram and Twitter accounts recorded a substantial growth in addition to the RC's official Twitter account with increased engagements and new followers across these platforms.





**Yo-Yo Ma**

@YoYo\_Ma · Jan 18

It's time to **#actnow** on climate change and sustainability. Learn how here [▶](https://actnow.aworld.org)  
[actnow.aworld.org](https://actnow.aworld.org)

Watch this weekend's tribute to the **#GlobalGoals** at **#expo2020dubai**.  
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**Abdulla Shahid** @abdulla\_shahid · Oct 4, 2021

#UNxExpo is an opportunity to showcase how the @UN System works as "ONE UN" to deal with global challenges and to create a world in which everyone thrives in peace, dignity and equality on a healthy planet.

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3 replies 28 retweets 100 likes



**Leonardo DiCaprio** @LeoDiCaprio

Jan 18

Create positive change and accelerate progress through **#ACTNOW**, the @UN campaign for individual action on climate change and sustainability. Learn more at: [actnow.aworld.org](https://actnow.aworld.org) [#GlobalGoals](#) [#UNxExpo](#)

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**Dena Assaf** @DrDenaAssaf

Welcomed @MoFAICUAE to #UNHub for @UN\_UAE partnership exhibit for #UAE50 @expo2020dubai

H.E Yacoub AlHosany reaffirmed importance of strategic partnership with @UN for #Agenda2030 & beyond

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**Amina J Mohammed** @AminaJMohammed · Jan 16

Thankful for our partner #UAE's commitment to creating a better future for people and planet.

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18 replies 116 retweets 402 likes



**Dena Assaf** @DrDenaAssaf

Cheers to our @UN #SDG Advocate - clearly a leader in the making 😊

His understanding of #Agenda2030 bodes well for our future

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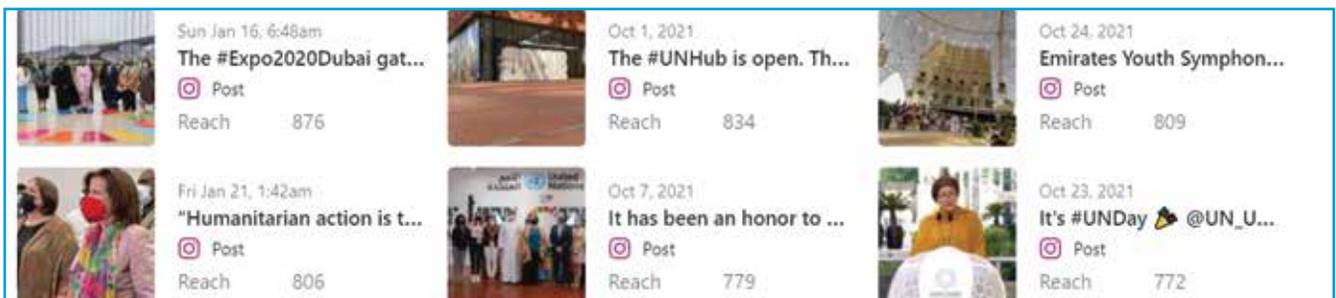
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Over 350 Instagram posts with diverse type of content including posts, videos, reels, and stories, both in English and Arabic.

The online media coverage of the UN's engagement at Expo2020 by both national and international media reflects the impactful work of the UN in UAE and Expo2020 related activities at the UN Hub and beyond. There has been a wide list of online articles, blogs, publications and press releases both in English and Arabic, underscoring the UN's ambitions on the sustainable development agenda in addition to anchoring the UN in the UAE's regional presence on strategic engagements.

## Podcasts



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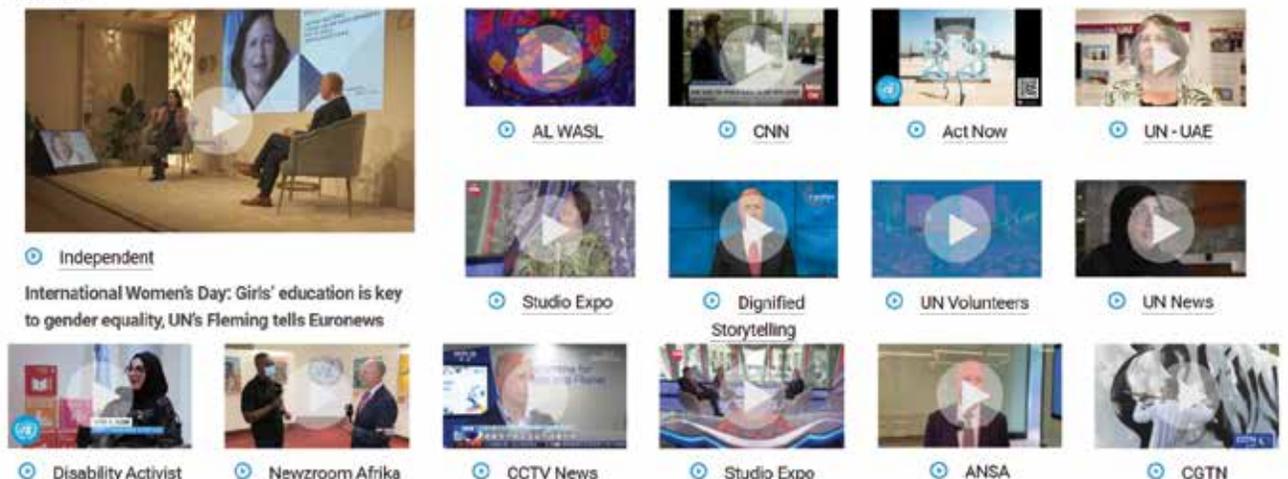


Emirates podcast

Media engagements included features in podcasts on the UN presence. Photo: UN at Expo 2020 Dubai webpage

## News

### Videos



- AL WASL
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- UN - UAE
- Independent
- Studio Expo
- Dignified Storytelling
- UN Volunteers
- UN News
- Disability Activist
- Newzroom Afrika
- CCTV News
- ANSA
- CGTN

Photo: UN at Expo 2020 Dubai webpage

## Conclusions

The UAE is a regional leader and an important partner in addressing the world's sustainable development challenges, endowed with the capability and political motivation to make significant progress in realizing its vision.

Expo2020 is another example on how the UAE demonstrated this vision, not only in investing in the first World Exposition in the region and one that carried a sustainability message, but also in mobilizing 192 countries to have pavilions at Expo2020 in addition to over 30 non-country pavilions. The UAE has exhibited once again its strength in convening and providing a platform for global collaboration.

Expo2020 was the first World Exposition organized in a country with an RCO following the UN reform, and proved to be a strong demonstration of the positive impact of the UN reform and ability of the Resident Coordinator system to harness its convening function to capitalizing on such opportunities.

Through Expo2020, the UN in the UAE has worked with a wide spectrum of UAE and international partners to explore policies and programmatic measures to advance the SDGs, addressing not only today's crises, but also overcoming tomorrow's challenges leaving no one behind. Investing in the partnership with the UAE through Expo2020 and beyond was a strategic leap forward for collective action on issues of mutual importance, making exponential advancements possible.

Specifically, Expo2020 allowed the UN in the UAE to position the UN as the partner for the future, in line with Expo's theme Connecting Minds and Creating the Future, to provide science-based technological and process innovations that allow for overcoming the dual challenges of today and tomorrow across all domains. The Expo2020 engagement highlighted the promise of a stronger partnership between the UN system and the UAE in mobilizing towards realizing the SDGs by 2030.



The UN Deputy Secretary-General, Amina Mohammed, with the UN RCO in UAE, during her visit for Global Goals Week. Photo: UN RCO UAE

# 2022: The Year Ahead

2022 will see the UN in the UAE further maximize the partnership opportunities with UAE stakeholders, presented by the second half of Expo 2020 in Dubai. Diverse programming will be undertaken by the UN in the UAE across the Expo 2020 site, including in the UN Hub, to advance conversations and policy discussions on thematic areas of mutual interest to the UN and the UAE. The UAE's relationship with the UN strengthened in 2021 and will be built upon further in 2022 through the pursuance of global level partnerships, including in relation to the UAE's membership on the United Nations Security Council in 2022.

March 2022 will present an important moment for the UN in the UAE to participate in the first ever Middle East and North Africa Climate Week to be held in Dubai, and to commence its engagement and preparations for COP 28 to be held in the UAE in 2023. The year 2022 will also be important for positioning the UN and its partners in preparation for the COP 28, and to work closely with counterparts in Egypt for COP 27, to ensure the continuity and full potential of climate action interventions can be reached through the COP processes.

The UN in the UAE looks forward to working together with the UAE in 2022 toward articulating and advancing our partnership toward common objectives.



*The United Nations flag leads Expo2020's daily parade on United Nations Day. Photo: Expo2020*

# Annexes

## ANNEX 1: List of Exhibits at the UN Hub

#	UN Entity	Title
1	UNRCO	"SDGs Through the Arts"
2	UNOOSA	"Space for Our Planet"
3	UNRCO	"The United Nations and the United Arab Emirates: Working together for a better future"
4	UNHCR	"The Displacement Journey"
5	UN-OCHA	"Anticipatory Humanitarian Action and Climate Change"
6	UNFPA	"A Safe Birth Even Here"
7	UNESCO	"Creative Resilience"
8	ITC	"Small businesses for the SDGs"
9	UN Women	"In Their Hands: Women Taking Ownership of Peace"
10	UNECA	"Africa Hall, at the origin of the UN in Africa with a look to the future"
11	ESCWA, OCHA, UNRCO and WFP	"United Nations Climate Action - Raising awareness with regional facts and realities "
12	UNRCO	"The UN at Expo - Highlights from the UN Hub"
13	UNICEF and UN Habitat,	"Child Friendly Cities"
14	UN Habitat	"World Urban Forum"
15	UNFPA	"A Woman Even Here"
16	UNFPA	"Photography Exhibition: Safeguarding the Lives and Dignity of Women and Girls in Yemen"
17	UNFPA	"See Us, Hear Us, Count Us In"
18	UN DGC	The World We Want
19	UN DGC	The Sustainable Development Goals

## ANNEX 2: List of Events at the UN Hub

UN Entity	Event	Month
UNDRR	UNDRR/ARISE International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction panel discussion	Oct
UNFCCC	"The UN Climate Change Global Innovation Hub" virtual TedTalk	Oct
DGC UNDP	DGC HQ "Don't Choose Extinction Film" Launch event	Oct
UN Habitat UNICEF	"Launch of Child Friendly Cities Guidelines"	Oct
RCO	Launch of SDG Art exhibit	Nov
ICCROM	ICCROM-Sharjah International Forum "Rethinking the Future of Islamic Arts and Heritage" on the International Day of Islamic Art	Nov
UNICEF	Film Screening "Trolls" and drawing workshop for World Children's Day	Nov
UN Global Compact	UN Global Compact "Diversity & Inclusion focus session"	Nov
UNDP	UNDP-AYAMI "Photography workshop: Storytelling in photography"	Nov
UN Women	"Panel on the Elimination of Violence Against Women"	Nov
UNDP	Panel discussion to feature Art for the SDGs	Dec
UNV	"Volunteer Now for Our Common Future" for International Volunteer Day	Dec
UNDP	PeaceTech "Using New Technologies for Inclusive Peace"	Dec
UN Women	UN Women "Fireside chat with two authors in the morning"	Dec
UN Global Compact	UN Global Compact "Youth Focused Session" workshop	Dec
UNDP	UNDP - Knowledge Project "Global Knowledge Index 2021 Launch Event and Ministerial Panel"	Dec
UNDP	"Panel discussion about the relevance of global indices as development benchmarks"	Dec
UNDP	"KnowTalk with CEO of Coursera"	Dec
UNDP	"The Global Knowledge Index 2021 through the perspective of Arab youth"	Dec
DGC & RCO	Hack for Earth "Prize Ceremony" with live audience and jury	Dec
UNFPA	"Discussing Women's Empowerment in the GCC: A GEWE Panel Event"	Dec
DGC	SDG Media Zone - Good Food for People and Planet	Jan
DGC	SDG Media Zone - Changemakers: Individual action for the SDGs	Jan
DGC	SDG Media Zone - COP26 Reflections: Accelerating the Path Forward	Jan

UN Entity	Event	Month
DGC	SDG Media Zone - Youth Innovating for the SDGs	Jan
DGC & RCO	SDG Media Zone - A Storied Relationship: UN & UAE (interview with UAE UN Resident Coordinator)	Jan
DGC	SDG Media Zone - Rewriting the Narrative: Women's Visions	Jan
DGC	SDG Media Zone - Misinformation - Truth Over Headlines	Jan
UN Women	"Capturing the Voices of Girls on the SDGs: The Role of Youth in Driving for a More Sustainable Future"	Jan
UN Habitat	"Future City in Innovation" panel discussion	Jan
UN Global Compact	UN Global Compact "Climate Action Focus Session"	Jan
RCO	"Inclusive Content Creation: Leaving No One Behind" panel discussion with UNDP and Zayed Higher Organization for People of Determination	Jan
UNICRI	UNICRI "Presentation of UNICRI's activities and projects"	Jan
UNDP	"Stepping through the forest: Expo2020 Walk for Climate Action"	Jan
FAO	FAO "Progress on meeting sustainable Development Goals for life under water" panel discussion	Jan
UN Women	"Meet the buyer: Health and wellness"	Jan
UNFPA	Opening of "A Safe Birth Even Here" exhibition	Jan
DGC	Walk for the Ocean	Jan
ILO	ILO "CODA" Film screening	Feb
UNCCD	UNCCD "Spotlight on Africa   Climate-Resilient Solutions towards Achieving Food Security"	Feb
FAO	"From global to local: promising aquatech to develop sustainable aquaculture in the UAE" workshop	Feb
IFAD	"Sahel, a land of opportunities"	Feb
UNESCO	"The Art of Geological Heritage Conservation at UNESCO" panel discussion	Feb
UNESCO	"Fostering Resilience's Rippling Effects for Multiple Natural Hazards Management- Arab region" panel discussion	Feb
UNESCO	"Outreaching to Society: Book launch"	Feb
UNESCO	"ReWilde Arabia: UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in a New Era" panel discussion	Feb
UNESCO	"UNESCO Little Arab Explorer!" workshop	Feb
ITC	"What's brewing? The Future of Coffee"	Feb
ITC	"Digital Trade: Opportunities for Youth in the MENA Region" panel discussion	Mar
ITC	"Small Businesses for the SDGs" Exhibit Opening Ceremony	Mar
ITC	"Young entrepreneurs in sports and sustainable development" panel discussion	Mar
UNEP	"Recovering Key Species for Ecosystem Restoration" film viewing for World Wildlife Day	Mar
ITC	"Investing in Women Entrepreneurs: The Value Added" panel discussion	Mar

UN Entity	Event	Month
ITC	"Making one trade Africa a reality" panel discussion	Mar
UN Women	Opening of "In Their Hands: Women Taking Ownership of Peace" Exhibition	Mar
UNFPA	"A High-Level Conversation led by UNFPA Executive Director with partners on Antiracism"	Mar
RCO	"Diplomacy on the mat"	Mar
UNICEF	Panel event for Emirati Children's Day	Mar
UNDRR	UNDRR "ARISE UAE Establishment Celebration" Keynote speech and Panel discussion	Mar
UNESCO	"International Forum on Media and Information Literacy"	Mar
UNDP	"Sustainable Investment Promotion Forum" Livestreaming from Serbia Pavilion	Mar
UNHCR	Joint panel discussion "Refugees and the future – Protection through mobility, opportunities for growth"	Mar
UN Women	"Meet the buyer: Various Services"	Mar
RCO & DGC	Lessons Learned from Expo2020	Mar
UNFCCC	Livestreaming of MENA Climate Week	Mar
FAO	"The 4th Fujairah International Conference for Coastal Areas and Marine Environment 2022"	Mar
UN DESA	"Launch event for the Arabic version of the handbook "Managing Infrastructure Assets for Sustainable Development: A Handbook for Local and National Government"	Mar
UNECA	"Earth, Oceans and Skies – African Women Scientists" panel discussion	Mar
WHO	"African Mayors Dialogue on Urban Governance for Health and Wellbeing in the post COVID-19 era" panel discussion	Mar

## ANNEX 3: UN Entities Engaged in the UN Hub

#	Entities
1	Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)
2	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
3	International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)
4	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
5	International Labour Organization (ILO)
6	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
7	International Telecommunications Union (ITU)
8	International Trade Centre (INTRACEN)
9	International Trade Centre (ITC)
10	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
11	Office of Information and Communications Technology (OICT)
12	United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
13	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
14	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
15	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
16	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
17	United Nations Department of Global Communications (DGC)
18	United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA)
19	United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS)
20	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
21	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
22	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
23	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
24	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
25	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
26	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
27	United Nations Global Compact
28	United Nations Human Rights Office (OHCHR)
29	United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN Habitat)
30	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

#	Entities
31	United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)
32	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
33	United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)
34	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
35	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
36	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
37	United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR)
38	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
39	United Nations Resident Coordinator Office (UNRCO)
40	United Nations Volunteers (UNV)
41	United Nations Water (UN-Water)
42	United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)
43	World Food Programme (WFP)
44	World Health Organization (WHO)
45	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

